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The battle soccer must win

SOCCER'S cash crisis has reached frightening proportions with threats of closure facing several of the 92 League clubs.

Bristol City could die before the end of the season after 85 years as a professional club; and Chelsea threaten to sell Stamford Bridge to save themselves from extinction.

They are just two of a rapidly growing number of clubs in deep financial straits.

The seriousness of the problems is highlighted by the financial problems besetting the major clubs. Liverpool's gates are down this season with unemployment hitting the pockets of their supporters, and Manchester United, a world renowned club with a reputation for keeping their house in order, are looking anxiously at their bank manager.

SHOOT view!

United's overdraft is topping £1.5 million, a staggering ball and chain for them to bear as they challenge heavily for the First Division title.

So, if Manchester United are in trouble, what hope for the rest?

The indications are that the deepening financial hardship this season has brought to a head something the League club's have warned about but not tackled vigorously enough in recent years.

They highlighted the problem but they came up with few remedies.

Fortunately, the Football League saw the light some time ago and have established a comprehensive marketing operation in recent weeks to "sell" the game.

Football has fallen behind cricket, rugby, athletics and tennis, where sponsorship of competitions flourishes.

Many League clubs, especially in the lower Divisions, have been saved by the introduction of lotteries but their continued survival battle over the next 12 months will depend largely on their enterprise.

Revenue from gate receipts is no longer a viable source of cash flow for them. Other means of financial support must be found — and quickly.

AFTER successfully tipping Oxford United to cause an upset by beating Brighton in the last round, finding Cup surprises in the Fifth Round is a little harder.

There are four First Division clubs paired with teams from outside of Division One, but none of the big clubs seems the sort to make the kind of mistakes Brighton and Manchester United did.

SHREWSBURY were beaten by **IPSWICH** in the Cup last year, when George Burley injured his knee. It's hard to go against the favourites for the League title.

They beat Luton 3-0 at Kenilworth Road in the previous round and there aren't many teams you'd put money on to do that.

Shrewsbury are in the lower reaches of the Second Division and will surely find Ipswich, who have so many potential scorers, too much for them.

Robertson and Statham is as good as any in Division One, while the addition of Dutchman Martin Jol has given the Albion midfield both bite and skill.

And in attack there's Cyrille Regis, who's been averaging around a goal-a-game lately. John Deehan will enjoy his return to The Hawthorns, but chances are he'll go back to Norwich a disappointed player.

Can **OXFORD** do it again and win at **COVENTRY**? Or have they had their taste of glory this season?

Sorry, Oxford. We were behind you last time, but now we're tipping The Sky Blues to march one step nearer Wembley.

They may be just a bit inexperienced to go all the way,

SECONDS

NORWICH travel to **WEST BROM** as underdogs; just as they travelled to Stoke in Round Three, but they turned the form book upside down on that particular occasion by beating the First Division team.

Like Ipswich, West Brom are a solid outfit these days and are set for two Wembley appearances in the domestic Cups.

The back-four of Batson, Wile,

although Dave Sexton has his team playing the way he wants and not being fancied as eventual winners takes the pressure off them.

That leaves just **CHELSEA** to be the giantkillers of the Fifth Round — the hard-up Londoners wouldn't mind a money-spinning replay at Anfield to boost their coffers, though.

LIVERPOOL are almost back to



F.A. Cup

FIFTH ROUND DRAW

Tottenham v Aston Villa
Shrewsbury v Ipswich
QPR v Grimsby
Coventry v Oxford
Leicester v Watford
Chelsea v Liverpool
West Bromwich v Norwich
C Palace v Orient

BETTING: 11-4 Liverpool; 3 Ipswich; 5 Tottenham and West Brom; 8 Aston Villa; 12 Coventry; 20 Watford; 22 QPR; 25 Leicester; 33 Crystal Palace; 56 Chelsea and Norwich; 100 bar.

Ipswich's George Burley (below, second right) received a terrible injury in a Cup-tie against Shrewsbury last season. He returns to Gay Meadow this Saturday.





OUT!

The experience of Garth Crooks could be invaluable for Spurs against Champions Aston Villa at White Hart Lane.

Spurs must lose at home in the Cup sooner or later and Villa have shown their true form only occasionally this season . . . mostly in Cup-ties.

One goal could well decide this clash. One moment of genius. Or one ghastly individual mistake. And it could take a replay to sort out who goes through. If that happens, Aston Villa will have the edge.

WATFORD meet **LEICESTER** in one of the round's most intriguing games, if not the most glamorous.

Graham Taylor's men have been in the limelight after victories against Manchester United and West Ham. The game at Filbert Street could turn out to be harder than either of those two matches.

Jock Wallace will have his men champing at the bit waiting to sink Watford. The two teams drew 1-1 at Filbert Street in December and we may well see a similar scoreline this time, with Watford edging home in the replay.

A win at Q.P.R. would probably



Gerry Armstrong (second left) turns away after scoring Watford's opener in their 2-0 win against West Ham in Round Four.



their best, which is usually too good for anyone else.

Kenny Dalglish has found his goal-touch again, rookies Ian Rush and Ronnie Whelan have made their mark, while Graeme Souness is revelling in his captain's role.

It'll be good to see Stamford Bridge packed again; let's hope the lunatic minority of fans don't spoil the occasion.

So — that means four First Division clubs in the Sixth Round, and they'll be joined by either **SPURS** or **ASTON VILLA**.

F.A. Cup holders versus League Champions — and it'll be Spurs' 18th home Cup draw in the last three seasons.

But one reason Spurs may not win the League this season is their home form. They've lost five games at White Hart Lane, including one against Villa.

The Cup seems to bring the best out of Spurs, though. In Ardiles, Villa, Hoddle and Crooks they have the men for the big occasion and they don't come much bigger than this.

secure the manager's job at **GRIMSBY** for caretaker Dave Booth. It's a stiff task for The Mariners, however.

Rangers have proved to be almost unbeatable at home and with Simon Stainrod in such devastating form they should win this all-Second Division tie.

Which leaves the London derby, between **CRYSTAL PALACE** and **ORIENT**. Not a game to conjure up much interest outside the capital, yet the possibility of a tie against a First Division club in the next round is so important to both clubs financially.

Neither club has set the Second Division alight this season, although both have improved under their new managers Steve Kember (Palace) and Ken Knighton (Orient). We're taking Palace's home advantage to send The Eagles flying into the Sixth Round.

Which means six Second Division clubs biting the dust in all . . . with two joining the big guns in the hat for the Sixth Round draw on Monday.



Match of the Day in Scotland

CELTIC v ABERDEEN

just what the Cup needs!



THE Scottish Cup, cut up in the chaotic freeze that brought soccer in Britain shuddering to a halt, is ready to explode into red-hot, thrilling action this weekend.

Sparks are bound to fly in the most electrifying tie of the tournament so far . . . the tussle of the titans at Pittodrie where Aberdeen and Champions Celtic lock horns in a sell-out Fourth Round game.

"I could hardly believe the draw when I heard it," says Celtic manager Billy McNeill. "It's even more interesting since we beat The Dons 3-1 at Pittodrie only a couple of weeks ago.

"Our tie was first out of the bag. It is just a pity that a club such as Celtic or Aberdeen has to go out of the competition at such an early stage.

"We could have had it easier, but you must beat the best if you are to win the Cup. Possibly this game is just what the tournament needs . . . it will give it a real lift."

Aberdeen boss Alex Ferguson says: "We've only had one top draw in the past three years at Pittodrie. So I'm not complaining about this one.

"The lads know how important it is for this club to do well in the Cup. The League title is obviously our main priority, but the Cup and a Hampden appearance adds glamour to the end of the season."

There are several other ties that will intrigue the fans at the weekend, but undoubtedly the Aberdeen v Celtic epic is the match of the day North of the border.

Rangers star seeks cap

A YEAR ago Jim Stewart was a reserve player wondering what the future held in store.

He had come South of the border in a £110,000 move from Kilmarnock to Middlesbrough but failed to keep his first team place at Ayresome Park.

When Rangers came on the scene and offered Boro their money back Stewart could hardly sign the forms quickly enough. And it's a move he has never regretted.

He says: "Inside nine months I picked up Scottish Cup and League Cup medals and I'm really enjoying my football again. Now I'm hoping I can get back into the international picture again."



MILLS' BIG CHANCE

DAVID MILLS has returned to his native North-East to link up with Newcastle United on loan. If that trial period works out then Mills will join Newcastle on a permanent basis for a fee of £100,000.

He said: "I haven't been happy with West Bromwich Albion for several weeks.

"Matters came to a head with manager Ronnie Allen when I was suspended. After that episode I just wanted to get away as quickly as possible.

"This is the chance I've been seeking and I'm hoping that everything works out for me at Newcastle. It is now in my own hands."

A FORMER Bolton Wanderers and England forward, Ray Westwood, died at his West Midland home of Brierley Hill recently.

Nicholl's Long Wait



JIMMY NICHOLL wonders if he has set up some kind of record.

The Irish international full-back went from Manchester United to Sunderland on a month's loan — and didn't play a game. His registration form didn't arrive in time for him to play at Manchester City, then he was not eligible for the Cup-tie at Rotherham.

His frustrating spell ended when United agreed to extend the loan period and Nicholl made a winning start in the replay against Rotherham.

NEWS DESK

Compiled by BILL DAY



Reeves' pledge to City fans



KEVIN Reeves, Manchester City's £1 million striker, has not given the Maine Road fans value for money since his arrival from Norwich City.

He claims he has let the club down and blames his inconsistency for much of the trouble.

But he promises to recapture the form which enabled him to win two England caps and score 17 League and Cup goals for City last season.

"All I can say is that City and their fans have not seen the best of me and I am determined to put that right as quickly as possible," says Reeves.

'I COULD STRANGLE BARNES'

PETER Barnes could become England's shock choice for the World Cup Finals if he changes his attitude about the game.

He needs to develop a "mental hardness" if he is to achieve his full potential.

The theory is aired by Manchester United's manager Ron Atkinson, who was Barnes' boss for two years at West Bromwich Albion.

He reveals: "There are times when I could cheerfully strangle him.

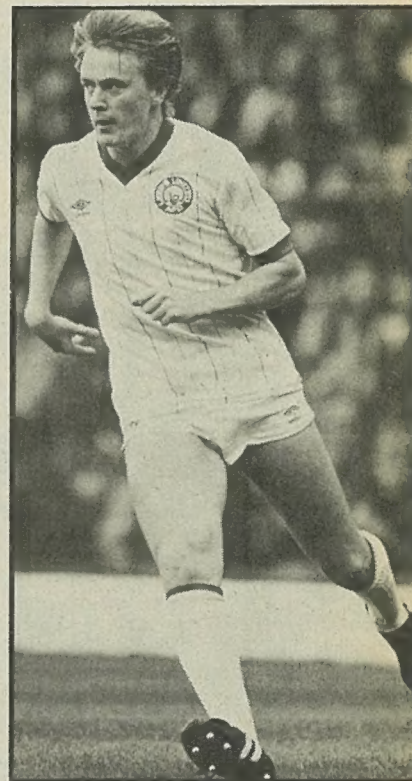
"Peter has always worshipped the ground that George Best walked on and I am tempted to say that he has as much natural talent as George but unfortunately does not share the Irishman's outstanding competitive spirit.

"If he could somehow develop that spirit he would not only please Allan Clarke overnight, he would be an automatic choice for any England team.

"I am saddened to see him struggling at Leeds and I just hope he can straighten himself out to catch the plane to the World Cup."

Atkinson's comments, reported in the Manchester Evening News, also bore a tribute to the former Manchester City and West Bromwich Albion winger.

"Apart from the chances he created, he scored 25 goals from around 80 appearances. By modern standards that is good for a flank man."



WIGAN PIP LIVERPOOL

WIGAN boss Larry Lloyd reckons he has stolen a real starlet from under the noses of mighty Liverpool.

He is 19-year-old striker John Butler, from local Merseyside club Prescot Cables. Liverpool had been watching Butler for some time and planned to see him again in a League match. But the game was called off.

Lloyd and his assistant Chris Lawler decided to move fast and look at Butler playing for the first team against Cables' reserves. Butler scored a hat-trick and Wigan promptly signed him for just £250, plus another £500 when he has made 15 first team appearances.

Flyaway Ipswich

IPSWICH are already making plans to prepare for the 1982-83 season in style.

Manager Bobby Robson has accepted an invitation to visit Florida to take part in a glamorous four-club tournament.

Hosts will be Tampa Bay Rowdies, managed by former Millwall and Q.P.R. boss Gordon Jago, and the other clubs taking part are Fort Lauderdale Strikers and Brazilian aces Sao Paulo.

SWINDON STAR'S SACRIFICE

SWINDON'S goalkeeper Jimmy Allen refused to play on Sundays during the fuel crisis eight years ago.

But now the Sunday school teacher has agreed to play for the Third Division club in several experimental games on the Sabbath.

Allen, veteran of nearly 300 League games for his only club, says he still thinks Sunday soccer is wrong.

"It should be a day of rest — but I decided that the current state of soccer means clubs have to try different ways to bring back the fans," he explains.

"It means I have to miss Sunday school in the morning, but at least I can still go to church in the evening. The worst part is missing my wife's Sunday lunch!"

APRIL START

HARRY MARSHALL, chairman of Wolves, has suggested to his fellow chairmen that they should support his plan for a season running from April to November.

He feels that bad weather supports such a plan and that clubs would be rewarded with a regular cash flow to help them balance the books.

Mr Marshall even suggested starting the scheme this April despite it clashing with the World Cup.

The idea, however, is not generally expected to gather widespread support for the simple reason that besides tradition soccer is a game which derives a great deal of benefits from the present arrangements.

One person who wholeheartedly supports Mr Marshall is Peter Taylor of Nottingham Forest. He would love to see summer soccer. But we will just have to wait and see . . .

THE whistle has been blown on two South-East London schoolgirls whose goal is to play football — with boys.

The two girls, Jane Bartley and Hope Powell, both 15, have been told they cannot play for their school, even though their sportsmaster says they are as good if not better than the boys in the team.

Jane and Hope, pupils at Abbey Wood School in South East London, are in breach of Women's F.A. rules which says girls should not play in boys' matches.



NEIL WEBB, 18-year-old son of former Reading forward Doug Webb, has been giving some scintillating performances for his dad's old club and now a number of clubs are showing a big interest in him.

Neil, an England Youth midfield star, includes Second Division promotion challengers Queens Park Rangers and Barnsley among his many admirers.

One of the stars of England's Youth tours to Yugoslavia and Australia, Neil made his League debut in the 2-2 draw at Mansfield in February, 1980, when he was still only 16.

EVERTON look as though they will be losing at least £1m worth of talent at the end of the season.

Peter Eastoe, Trevor Ross, John Bailey and Joe McBride have all refused to accept new terms offered to them by Goodison boss Howard Kendall.

Eastoe's departure would be the most severe. After a slow start to his career at Everton, Eastoe has matured into one of the most clinical finishers in the country and there would be no shortage of buyers. At the age of 28 he is looking for some security and will listen to offers when his contract expires in the summer.

Bailey lost his place recently to Welsh international Kevin Ratcliffe and could interest Manchester City again. John Bond is a known admirer of Bailey.

McBride would favour a return to his native Scotland to play for one of his father's former clubs — Glasgow Celtic. Ross (left) is keeping an open mind and would not rule out re-signing a contract for improved terms.

AND LEE'S REUNION

PRESTON manager Gordon Lee returned to his old club Everton to take goalkeeper Martin Hodge on loan.

Lee signed Hodge from Plymouth Argyle whilst in charge at Everton and did not waste any time in getting him to Preston — albeit for a short period.

Hodge, who has been out of the game for over a year with first a knee and then chest injuries, welcomed the chance of first-team football.

His chances of getting that at Everton look limited following the arrival of Neville Southall and Jim Arnold.



DALGLISH HAT-TRICK. Liverpool's Scotland striker is celebrating the birth of his third child, daughter Linsey. Kenny joined his wife Marina at the hospital bedside with Paul, Linsey and Kelly.

Exhibitionists

CELTIC are ready to fly anywhere to play exhibition games to help boost the Parkhead coffers.

Manager Billy McNeill explains: "It is becoming increasingly important to make as much money as possible to be able to survive at the top level. Clubs just cannot survive on the money they get through the gates in domestic matches, so they have got to look at other avenues."

Celtic are already drawing up a fixture list of one-off games for the close season.

SCOTLAND'S 'BEST'

DUMBARTON'S Graeme Sinclair is the best right-back in Scotland.

He is better than Danny McGrain, recognised as the finest right-back Scotland have produced for many years, better than Aberdeen's Stuart Kennedy and better than Rangers' Sandy Jardine.

This is the controversial opinion of Dumbarton's director Alex Wright.

He gives his vote to the club's 23-year-old defender for the following reasons: "I've seen the lads in the Premier Division, but Graeme is the tops."

"And I know he would be even better with a bigger club."

That sounds much like an invitation for offers.

CORMACK'S BIGGEST BATTLE



PETER CORMACK is facing the toughest time of his career.

Partick Thistle, the club he manages, are staring relegation in the face and the former Scottish international's hopes of steering his club into Europe have been dashed.

"I've never been a defeatist," he says.

"There is still a fair bit of the season to go and we'll battle every inch of the road."

"The players know my feelings. I haven't been happy with some of their displays. They must give more. They must play to their potential."

Cormack, with limited cash at his disposal, has scoured the transfer market and was disappointed when a move for Swansea's Tommy Craig fell through.

While Cormack has made every effort to bring players INTO the club there are also a few who will be going OUT of Firhill.

Tony Higgins, John Lapsley and Joe Sweeney have all been placed on the transfer list and others are likely to follow if Thistle fail to beat the drop into the First Division.

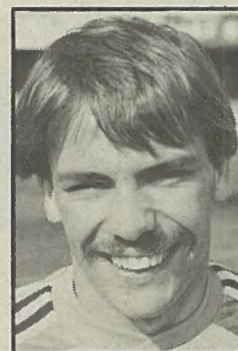
Briefly

● Young Luton defender Wayne Turner has had his loan spell to Lincoln City extended to three months because of the big freeze.

● Southend's manager Dave Smith, the Dundonian who has spent the last 32 years in English soccer, is writing his memoirs and hopes to find a publisher soon. Dave joined Burnley straight from school in 1950 and was a full-back with them, Brighton and Bristol City before turning to coaching with Arsenal, Sheffield Wednesday and Newcastle. Then he became manager of Mansfield — leading them to the Fourth Division title — before moving to Rovers Hall six years ago.

● Bangor City actually made money out of the big freeze. Their Farrar Road ground was playable so they enterprisingly contacted Barnsley and Bradford City, whose games had been snowed off, and arranged friendlies. Both games were well attended and Bangor cashed in to the tune of more than £1,000.

● Attendances at St Andrews have dropped so badly, that the joke in Birmingham now is that when TV cameras turn up the crowds sing: "Aston Villa, Aston Villa, can you hear ME on the box?"



Wayne Turner

● Irish F.A. President Harry Cavan, who is also Senior Vice-President of F.I.F.A., has been re-elected Chairman of the World Youth Championship.

● Bob Stokoe has made many gratifying signings in his managerial merry-go-round but few have proved better than that of defender Jackie Ashurst.

● Carlisle boss Stokoe signed Ashurst from Blackpool last August and his outstanding displays for the Brunton Park club have been one of the main reasons why they are bang in the Third Division promotion race.

The canny Stokoe, in his second spell at Carlisle — he has achieved that, too, at Bury, Rochdale and Blackpool — had Ashurst under his wing at Sunderland and knew he would be just the man to help Carlisle.

● Hibs chairman Tom Hart is well known for having a big heart. This was demonstrated when he celebrated his 60th birthday. Among the presents were a cake, baked and decorated in the shape of a football pitch. Tom donated it to the children at Leith Hospital. Son Tom, junior, and manager Bertie Auld were responsible for the delivery.

● Sheffield United have launched a massive search for players. But the Blades are not looking for new talent . . . they want to contact all the club's surviving first-team men for a grand players' reunion in April.

ALL SYSTEMS GRAY!



ANDY Gray has a lot to say about what's been going on at Wolves this season... but, for the time being anyway, he's keeping quiet — for the sake of the team.

The Molineux club has been torn apart by internal troubles, which came to a head when manager John Barnwell left the club: it still isn't clear whether he resigned or was sacked.

The Scotland striker makes no secret of the fact that the main reason he joined Wolves in that record-breaking £1.5 million transfer three years ago was John Barnwell.

Barnwell's departure doesn't necessarily mean Gray will be leaving, too.

Gray says: "I don't really want to say too much right now. People have heard enough about it all. I have a deep feeling for the club, which means a lot to me.

"If I said what I thought I might offend a few people. The time isn't right to do this."

Two things occupy Gray's thoughts right now: helping Wolves to avoid relegation and securing a place in Scotland's World Cup 22.

"I don't know what the situation is going to be regarding the manager at Wolves.

"Jim Barron and Ian Ross are doing a good job, but the club have been advertising for a manager and it could all change overnight.

"Relegation doesn't worry me too much. I believe we have the

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'Nothing will stop me making Scotland's World Cup squad'

players to avoid the drop comfortably... if our attitude is right.

"The ability is there. We've got to be prepared to roll up our sleeves and battle.

"I've been asked to play in midfield. This isn't something I enjoy, especially with the World Cup in mind.

"But if it helps Wolves then I'll do it willingly.

"Jim and Ian haven't been wielding the axe. They've tried to get close to the players and get the best out of us in this way.

"The reaction of the fans has been marvellous. From the letters I've received, and those I've read in the papers, they're behind the players — as they were John Barnwell — 100 per cent.

"Any hostility has been towards the board.

"The last 12 months have taught me a lot. I wouldn't say I'm a better player, but I'm certainly a wiser one.

"With Aston Villa I knew only the good life. I thought managers could manage as they wanted to and buy players when it suited them.

'Shoestring'

"Now, I've experienced the other side of soccer, where the club is run on a shoestring, the manager couldn't spend any money and..."

Gray stops as his feelings rise.

He continues: "Regarding the World Cup, I'm neither over-confident nor over-worried about making the trip.

"If making the final 22 means I have to stay with Wolves — fine. If it means I have to move on... well, let's say nothing is going to stand in my way in my effort to be in Spain."

Four years ago Ally MacLeod made one of his many mistakes as manager of Scotland by leaving Gray at home, but taking the injured Gordon McQueen to Argentina. McQueen, who was injured a couple of weeks before the World Cup started, never really had a hope of playing in South America.

Yet MacLeod didn't think Gray, who (the player and most people thought) had proved his fitness after injury in the final games of the season.

It was a bitter blow for the Scot,

and he's taking nothing for granted this time round.

"Strangely, none of Jock Stein's recognised strikers is having a particularly happy time.

"Stevie Archibald's been injured, Kenny Dalglish has had an up and down season, Joe Jordan's had a few problems in Italy and Wolves' form hasn't helped me.

"I'm not really a better player than I was a year ago. If I'm absolutely honest I'd have to say that.

"I like to think people can see a better Andy Gray. I'm disappointed that Wolves supporters haven't seen the true me except on occasions. I'm a better player than I've shown them, even if I'm not a great player.

"I realise I've got to get my shooting boots on if I'm to impress Jock Stein.

"I was happy with my form until the big freeze came. That disrupted everything. I scored in the first game of 1982 — a good omen, I thought, but it was almost three weeks before I could play again.

"I have absolutely no worries about my fitness. I feel good. Now I've got to produce the goods consistently for Wolves — in whichever position I'm asked to play."

Wolves need that kind of loyalty and dedication if they are to survive relegation for the third successive season.



Former Wolves boss John Barnwell who paid £1½ million for Gray.

CASSELLS DELIVERS THE GOODS



EVEN though Keith Cassells, whose seven F.A. Cup goals have given Oxford United a place in Saturday's Fifth Round, went to a non-soccer playing school in North London, his number one ambition was always to play at the very highest level.

But after failing to attract anybody but the Mornington Crescent Post Office team, for whom he worked, his chances of achieving that aim seemed remote.

Yet now Cassells is the hottest property on the Third Division market after grabbing the nation's attention with a breathtaking performance for Oxford United against Brighton (above) in the biggest shock of the F.A. Cup this season, a match Oxford won 3-0 at the Goldstone Ground.

Bachelor Cassells, son of a Jamaican, worked for four years as a postman at the North-West London distribution office, in Camden Town.

"I joined Wembley in the Isthmian League, then I was picked up by Watford. Just before I was going to sign professional forms, Mike Keen, then the manager, was sacked.

"I thought I'd had it. But Graham Taylor, who took over, promised to give me a three-month trial."

Cassells struggled to make any great impact in a side quickly moving up the Division under the guiding influence of Taylor.

Watford boss Taylor recalls: "He's a great lad, but at the time he was with us, we had a glut of strikers. He was contesting for a place up front with Luther Blissett and Ross Jenkins."

Cassells spent a short spell on loan to Peterborough, who had the chance to sign him but couldn't afford the £5,000 asking price.

So when Taylor decided to go in for Oxford's midfield star and captain Les Taylor, he used Cassells as the bait.

Les Taylor cost £100,000 plus Cassells. Now Cassells is rated in the half a million pound bracket.

"When Oxford came in for me, I jumped at the chance," says Cassells.

Oxford manager at the time was Bill Asprey, but a month after signing Cassells, he was sacked, and Cassells again wondered where his future lay.

In came Ian Greaves, at Christmas, 1980, and Cassells finished the season with 18 appearances for Oxford — and three goals.

Those were his first ever League goals. Since then, he has netted regularly, his goal against Brighton putting him ahead all other Third Division strikers with a total of 19.

'Happy'

"It's been a dream so far," he says. "I expect that I will eventually have a lean period. All strikers do. But until then, I'm just happy to keep knocking them in."

His speed and finishing were proved against Brighton, and Coventry City cannot be looking forward to facing him in the Fifth Round this Saturday.

But with his success has come a problem for Oxford.

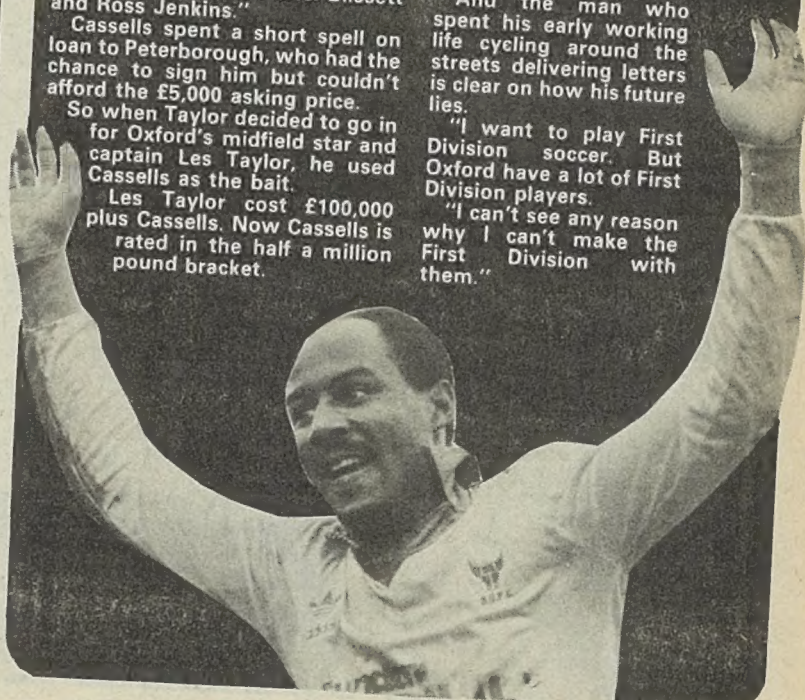
Can they hold on to him?

"The papers were full of transfer talk as soon as I started hitting the headlines," says Cassells.

And the man who spent his early working life cycling around the streets delivering letters is clear on how his future lies.

"I want to play First Division soccer. But Oxford have a lot of First Division players.

"I can't see any reason why I can't make the First Division with them."



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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW



SAME AGAIN, ENGLAND

WHILE most of the attention of international football is focused on the World Cup, the draw for the 1984 European Championship threw up some interesting pairings, with none of the Home countries having an easy task. England, for instance, meet World Cup rivals Hungary again.

The Finals, to be held in France (who qualify automatically) will comprise the host nation and the seven group winners.

Like the World Cup, the draw for the European Championship was seeded. UEFA decided on the five sections by dividing the total points achieved in the qualifying competitions of the 1980 European Championship and the 1982 World Cup by the number of matches.

West Germany, not surprisingly, were top:

Matches Points Average

1. W. Germany	14	26	1.85
2. Spain	14	25	1.78
3. Italy	16	27	1.68
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WHAT'S ON IN SPAIN?

DAVE Watson informed the world that he had retired from international football four months ago.

His omission from the Southampton first team ultimately led to him being left out of Ron Greenwood's side for the crucial final World Cup qualifying game against Hungary at Wembley.

Clearly depressed at the turn of events, the big central defender made his announcement.

But Watson's recent £50,000 transfer from Southampton to Stoke City has rekindled all his old fire and enthusiasm, and now Dave, who will be 35 next birthday, wants it to be known that he'd dearly like to make the trip to Spain after all.

"This move has really got my adrenalin flowing again," says Watson. "Three months out of the

WATSON'S WORLD CUP COMEBACK!

first team at Southampton was very hard to take.

"But to come here and be asked to play a vital role in what Richie Barker is trying to achieve at the Victoria Ground has definitely given me something to aim for again.

"I know I said I'd retired from international football. But I was feeling pretty low at the time, and it was obvious to me that by not playing regular first team football, my chances of getting back into the international side were very slim indeed.

"It was bitterly disappointing, of course," Watson goes on. "I'd been involved in two previous World Cup campaigns, and England hadn't made the Finals in either.

"But this time we had, and after playing my part in the earlier qualifying games it looked as if I was going to miss out on the final stages once again.

"I still believe I can do a job for my country, and playing regularly in the First Division again with Stoke will give me the chance to show everyone what I'm still capable of.

"I know people will point to the fact that I'm in my mid-30's. But

Watson soars to head clear from Manchester City's Kevin Reeves on his Stoke debut.



that doesn't worry me.

"Of course, it's all down to Ron Greenwood, and what he thinks. But I'm going to do my level best to show him that I've lost none of my ability and that if he wants me, I'm ready and willing."

Watson certainly couldn't have found much tougher opposition than Manchester City to make his debut against, with the Maine Road club desperate for a win which would have taken them to the top of the First Division.

But big Dave marshalled his defence superbly, and more than held his own in his personal duel with Trevor Francis. And Stoke came away with a highly commendable 1-1 draw.

"It's ironic really that I should play my first game for Stoke at Maine Road," says Dave.

'Regular'

"It was there that I really established myself as an England regular in the first place. And another twist was that Mike Doyle, whom I played with so many times when we were together at Manchester City, was again my central defensive partner at Stoke.

"But since then Mike has been transferred to Bolton Wanderers. I wish him well for the future."

Stoke is Watson's seventh club in a career which began at Notts County before switching to Rotherham, then Sunderland, where he first came to real prominence in the Roker Park club's tremendous F.A. Cup winning campaign of 1973.

Manchester City followed, then a spell with West German club Werder Bremen, which never really worked out — before going to the South coast, and Southampton.

He won the first of his 63 full international caps against Portugal back in 1974. And what looked like being his last, in the 3-1 victory over Hungary in Budapest last summer — that is, until his transfer to Stoke City.

JESUS ZAMORA

SPAIN

YOU could call him the Geoffrey Boycott of Spanish football. He's deadly serious, dedicated to his profession, and doesn't let a great many smiles escape. But on the pitch, the 27-year-old Basque (he was born in San Sebastian on New Year's Day, 1955) is pure magic with his tight control and hip-shrugging runs at the opponents' defence.

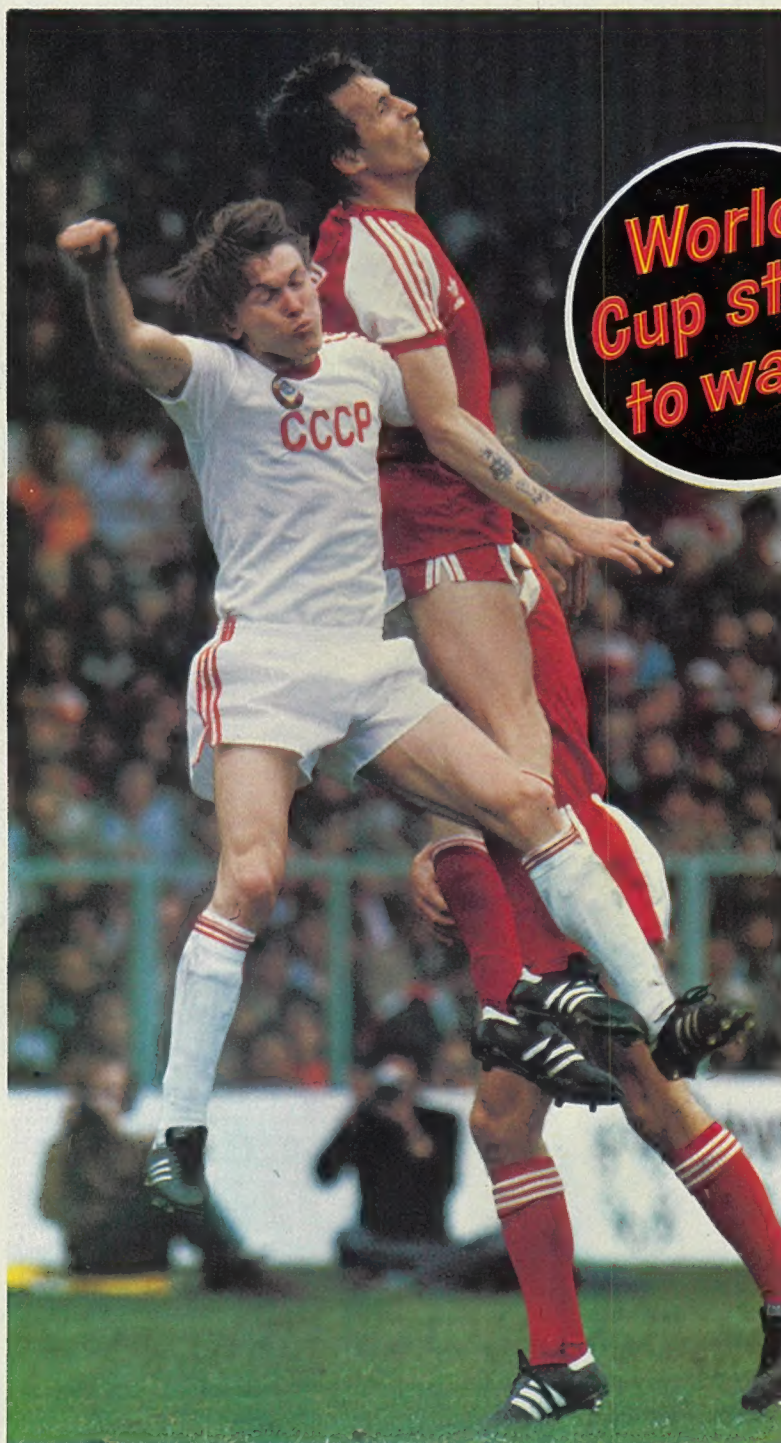
Zamora began his football with all the other local lads in the beach games at low tide on the Playa de la Concha, before moving on to Real Sociedad's nursery side San Sebastian and finally making his first team debut in 1975 — in an away game against Real Madrid!

Since then he's been a permanent fixture in Real Sociedad's number ten shirt, and has played 25 games in midfield for Spain since making his international debut in Italy in December, 1978.

One of the big names to emerge from the 1980 European Championship Finals, Zamora lets slip a rare smile when he admits "I always seem to play well against England."



World
Cup stars
to watch



OLEG BLOKHIN

USSR

ARDENT Liverpool fan Oleg Blokhin first hit the European headlines after a sensational display on the left wing during Dynamo Kiev's 3-0 thrashing of Ferencvaros in the 1975 Cup-Winners' Cup Final.

Only months later he was voted European Footballer of the Year, and the 23-year-old was marked down as the successor to Dutch master Johan Cruyff.

But the Soviet Union distrusts 'superstar' individuals and, with the national team failing to qualify for the 1974 and 1978 World Cups, Blokhin slipped from sight.

Now he's back with a vengeance, and if he hits top form in Spain, the USSR could spring a surprise or two.

Born on October 5th, 1952, Oleg inherited superb sprinting power from his mother, who was the Soviet 100 metres hurdles champion.

His speed, skill and deadly finishing brought him a League debut with Dynamo Kiev at 17, and he began his international career with the 1972 Olympic team, where he was nicknamed "The Ukrainian Gazelle" thanks to his sprinting.

Regularly top of the domestic scoring lists during the last decade, he's now recovered his former confidence and flair, and hit some spectacular and vital goals in the USSR's unstoppable qualifying campaign.

Blokhin, now the leading all-time Soviet goalscorer, could well be one of the players to make a really big impact in Spain with his speed and accurate shooting.

Scotland will certainly have to keep a close watch on him, although in Danny McGrain and Frankie Gray they have two of Europe's steadiest full-backs.

The USSR are many people's dark horses for the World Cup, and if Blokhin can hit peak form they could just live up to those expectations.

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IF LOOKS COULD KILL...

Leeds goalkeeper John Lukic makes his point to team-mate Byron Stevenson!

Ipswich defender Steve McCall learns the hard way and gets an ear bashing from Terry Butcher. Keeper Paul Cooper is the bemused bystander.

Manchester United's Bryan Robson obviously doesn't believe in love thy neighbour in this case Manchester City's Martin O'Neill.

Ally Robertson, the WBA defender, is clearly upset at the ref's decision, but not as upset as the grounded Garth Crooks of Spurs.

'I HIT ROCK BOTTOM'



The player who injured Phil scored Barnsley's "consolation" goal.

MY mental turmoil hurt more than the physical pain as I lay on the table in the Barnsley treatment room and had ten stitches inserted into an ugly gash at the back of my right leg.

All I could think about were the immediate and possible long term consequences of the injury, sustained only five minutes after the kick-off in the League Cup Fifth Round replay at Oakwell.

Not only was my place in the Liverpool team threatened, but my England future had suddenly become clouded.

I've had some "downs" in my career but at that moment I felt I'd hit rock bottom.

I'd just recovered from the body blow of being relieved of the Liverpool captaincy before the F.A. Cup Third Round tie against Swansea City at the Vetch Field.

The boss, Bob Paisley, had made the decision in the belief that I'd saddled myself with the blame for the team's poor start to the season, and the strain had affected my game.

Once again the boss proved how great he is at man-management, for from then on things had started to go my way.

We beat Swansea 4-0, West Ham 3-0 in the League, suffered a setback through only drawing 0-0 with



PHIL THOMPSON
My soccer world

Barnsley in the League Cup at Anfield, but got back on the winning trail with a 2-1 win over Wolves.

I was on top form. I'd regained my old confidence and felt I stood a good chance of regaining the captaincy of a team at last operating in true Liverpool fashion.

The problem of establishing an understanding between the new and old players had been overcome.

But then, on that black night at Barnsley, I lost my place and was relegated to a passenger's role through a cruel stroke of Fate.

A late tackle from Barnsley's Colin Walker caught me at the back of the right leg just below the ankle and his studs inflicted a wound that sent me out of the match and put

question marks against my career with club and country.

It's hard not to feel bitter. I know Colin's late tackle wasn't deliberate. Mistakes like that happen.

But I find it difficult to forgive his reported remark that I should have worn shinpads. I'd have needed calfpads to protect me.

My only consolation was the 3-1 win that put us into the League Cup Semi-Final. And while I was still having treatment for my injury, the lads went on to beat Sunderland 3-0 in the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup, Notts County 4-0 and Aston Villa 3-0 in the League.

I could only feel pleased at the results but with the team playing so well it was going to be hard to regain my place.

Mark Lawrenson operated in my centre-back position and Alan Kennedy took over at left-back.

So I found myself in the position Alan was in after being left out for the Barnsley replay, knowing that only an injury to someone would give him a chance to be selected.

Playing in the reserves is no place for a player wanting to help Liverpool win at least one honour

Phil was still injured when Liverpool beat Sunderland in the F.A. Cup. Here Kenny Dalglish scores his team's first goal.

this season, and to play in the World Cup Finals.

It was while watching the reserves that I heard the news Ray Kennedy had been signed by Swansea City. At first I was stunned. I thought it would be either Stoke or Sunderland.

I should have guessed manager John Toshack would move in for another former team-mate he's always admired. So many have joined him down at the Vetch Field to help Swansea become the Liverpool of Wales!

I was sad to see Ray go. He'd played such a big part in bringing honours to Anfield and he and I share many marvellous memories.

Physical stature

Three things stand out about him. A physical stature that made it almost impossible for opponents to knock him over.

The quick, long ball diagonally across the pitch which sparked off Terry McDermott's famous long runs. And his knack of scoring.

With his skill and experience, I'm sure Ray will prove to be a bargain buy for Swansea, and I wish him all the luck.

This Saturday I hope to travel to London where Liverpool play Chelsea in the F.A. Cup Fifth Round. The Blues beat us 4-2 the last time we met, in the 1977-78 Third Round, and fingers crossed I help us get our revenge.

Before I close, a big "thank you" to all those who sent me cards on my birthday — especially to my 15 fans from the Lea C.P. School, Lea, Preston. They helped me forget my troubles for the day!

Phil Thompson



WITH just three months to go before Ron Greenwood, Billy Bingham and Jock Stein announce their squads of 22 for the World Cup Finals the competition for places is hotting up.

Many players are sure of going to Spain — bar injury. Others can feel fairly safe. Dozens more can hope . . . and keep playing as well as they can for their clubs.

Chances are there will be one or two surprise choices in the England and Scotland squads, although Northern Ireland, with fewer players to choose from rarely raise any eyebrows with selections.

The three international managers will be studying club form for the remainder of the season, but we've tried to look ahead a few months and put ourselves in the position of the Home bosses.

Ron Greenwood has, probably, the most difficult task. His squads have been fairly predictable, although for the last game, against Hungary, he drafted in some new faces . . . and left out some old hands.

Greenwood has always been loyal to those who have been loyal to him, though. Too loyal, some might say, but two-thirds of his squad for Spain looks fairly predictable.

The three goalkeepers take care of themselves. In defence, the impressive World Cup debut of Alvin Martin against Hungary



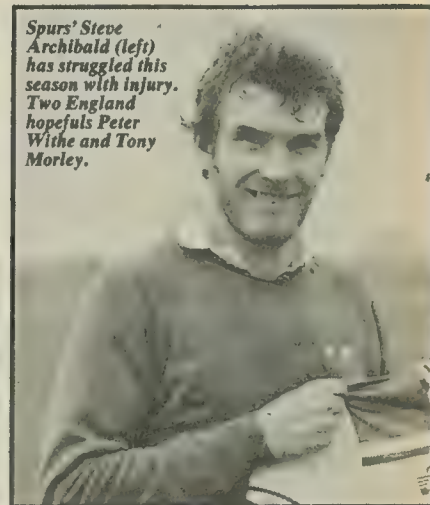
World Cup
countdown



Billy Bingham



Spurs' Steve Archibald (left) has struggled this season with injury. Two England hopefuls Peter Withe and Tony Morley.



should assure him of a World Cup spot.

On the other hand, Dave Watson's transfer to Stoke City may give him the boost he needed. At 35, however, a World Cup Finals may be too much for him, well as he's served his country.

Phil Thompson's club form is a cause for concern. Greenwood will possibly take Terry Butcher as cover, knowing that in an emergency Bryan Robson could always move back from midfield to defence.

In midfield, Robson, Trevor Brooking, Steve Coppell and Ray Wilkins' places are safe, despite

the latter's indifferent form since a superb European Championship in 1980.

NOT to list Glenn Hoddle as a definite may seem harsh, but he hasn't yet come to grips with international football and while he's reasonably certain to go to Spain, Greenwood hasn't used him in many 'big' games in the past.

It's in attack that competition for places is fiercest. On current form Cyrille Regis could get the nod ahead of Paul Goddard and Peter Withe.

With an orthodox centre-forward a natural winger

Bosses will find it hard to select their final squads for Spain

TOUGH



Ron Greenwood



Jock Stein

should be included and while Coppell can play wide, he tends to play in a slightly deeper role for England. Tony Morley seems the obvious choice.

It isn't certain that Jock Stein will take three goalkeepers to Spain — if he doesn't, Jim Leighton will be the one to stay at home.

Stein's defence has been settled, with Kenny Burns and Dave Narey the outsiders. Stein also knows that Ray Stewart is equally effective in defence and midfield.

Scotland are almost spoilt for choice at the back and in midfield — it's up front that they have problems.

Despite having several household names to call on, none is playing particularly well at the moment. In fact, on current form Alan Brazil and Frank McGarvey are probably the best!

Reputations mean little to the Scotland manager, although it's hard to see him leaving out his troubled strikers.

Kenny Dalglish is playing deeper with Liverpool these days; Steve Archibald hasn't been 100 per cent fit all season; Joe Jordan is finding it hard to score in Italy (doesn't



everyone?); Andy Gray has been troubled by Wolves' internal upheaval.

Scotland's strength over the past couple of years has been in defence, yet in the Finals they'll need goal-power. They have the men — but Stein must hope the 'names' can find the form which made them well-known in the first place.

Northern Ireland's team has changed very little in recent years, and Billy Bingham will have no trouble in pencilling in at last three-quarters of his 22.

Sammy Nelson hasn't played too often, but he's a regular squad member.

Now the life ban on Bradford City striker Bobby Campbell has been lifted he must come into the reckoning; so will Sheffield Wednesday winger Terry Curran; if he decides to make himself



Glentoran's Gary Blackledge is a possible for Northern Ireland's World Cup squad.

available for Northern Ireland under the parentage ruling.

The Glentoran trio of Gerry Mullan, Jim Cleary and Gary Blackledge (scorer of 50-plus goals since the start of 1980/81 in domestic soccer) — plus Linfield's Trevor Anderson — are the leading Irish League candidates.

Even Queens Park Rangers rookie Ian Stewart is in with a chance of going to Spain.

In the coming weeks everyone is going to be telling Greenwood, Bingham and Stein who they should — and shouldn't — be taking to Spain.

Do you agree with us? Write and tell Steve Carter, Goal Lines, Shoot, King's Reach Tower, Stamford Street, London SE1 9LS.

BURNLEY MAKE WORLD CUP HISTORY

B RITISH football's World Cup treble of England — Scotland — Northern Ireland has sent shock waves reverberating throughout the game — and nowhere has interest hit more of a peak than at Burnley. For striker Billy Hamilton and midfield artist Tom Cassidy are both certainties in the Northern Ireland squad for Spain.

It is yet another niche of football making history: the first time that a Third Division club has provided two players for the World Cup Finals. "And, believe me, these two are going to shine in Spain," predicts manager Brian Miller.

"They go so well together. Tom knows where to find Billy and he hits beautiful passes straight to him. In turn, Billy is responding with more goals than at any time in his career.

"They are a partnership which dovetails perfectly for club and country.

"Tom's experience will be vital to Ireland's prospects against Spain, Yugoslavia and Honduras in Group Five. His skill is ideal for the tactical duels certain to be fought there: the slow football played in high temperatures — with the sudden strike that cuts through.

'Consistency'

"Then it will be Billy's turn. He is strong, willing and tall; he is scoring with confident consistency this season because he takes in everything that you tell him. They may be Third Division players . . . but they'll be able to handle themselves in Spain."

The 30-year-old Cassidy, with more than 200 first team appearances for Newcastle before switching to Turf Moor, confirms: "Yes, the way that the Finals are going to be played in Spain suits my style. I find the Third Division a bit of a battle after playing in the First and Second for Newcastle.

"It is a pleasant change now to play at international level. You have that little more time on the ball and the slow build up that seems certain to be the pattern in Spain is something that I'm looking forward to. In fact, the Finals are something I've been looking forward to since I played my first international ten years ago!"

"Going to Spain is a lifetime

ambition for me," adds the powerful 23-year-old Hamilton. "For my first couple of internationals, I was almost too frightened to touch the ball: now I relish every minute in that green shirt.

"Tommy has helped me a tremendous amount. He knows where I make my runs and finds me with some unbelievable passes. His awareness and vision are terrific.

"He also shouts at me during games and even gives me some sharp words at half-time if he doesn't think I've been doing the right things.

"Apart from a brief meeting during the British Championship a couple of years ago we had never met until he joined Burnley at the start of last season. Now he is a great influence on my career."



TOMMY CASSIDY

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Before the start of the game the home club officials inform you they have installed a new clock which will act as a timekeeper. Do you (a) give your approval or (b) do not accept?

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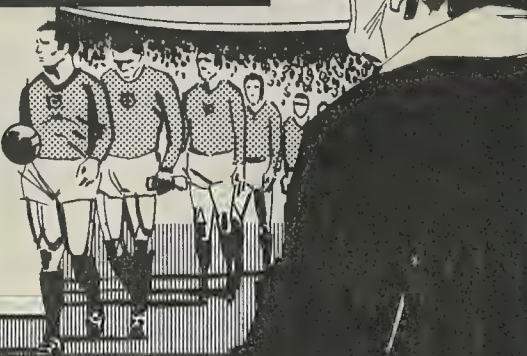
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At the kick-off the centre-forward kicks the ball directly into his opponents goal. Do you (a) award a goal or (b) disallow the goal?



3

You notice when going out on to the field that the goalkeeper is wearing a jersey which is very close to the colour of his own team's shirts. Do you allow this?



MATCH POINT

The F.A. Cup Fourth Round replay between Q.P.R. and Blackpool was interesting from my point of view because one of the linesmen failed to turn up. The club had to appeal for a qualified ref who might be present, and in the end I had to choose between five volunteers! Eventually I settled for Ken Percival from Tring, who had never been higher than the Athenian League before, so this was obviously a big occasion for him. Q.P.R. very kindly kitted him out, and after instructing him in exactly what I expected of him as my linesman, Ken went out and did a tremendous job. I believe he had a bit of a soft spot for Blackpool, but it certainly didn't show as Q.P.R. won 5-1!

ANSWERS

1. Do not accept (b). The law is clear. 2. Disallow the goal (b). 3. No. Ask the goalkeeper to change.

EURO KINGS' WALK-OUT SHOCK

Richard Gough

AT the start of 1982, there was not much doubt that the most disillusioned and bitterly disappointed manager in British soccer was the highly successful Jim McLean of Dundee United.

Out of the blue, he had been dealt a double blow by the totally unexpected walk-out of two of his most promising young players, Derek Stark and Richard Gough.

Part-timer Stark, 23, who had played in the League Cup Final against Rangers at Hampden, took his leave and said he was giving up professional football entirely to join the police force.

Gough, just 19-years-of-age, who had broken through into the first team this season, packed his bags and flew back to his native South Africa, declaring that he was homesick and would not be returning to Scotland.

And this despite the fact that both players had negotiated long term contracts with the Tannadice club which lasted until 1986.

To say that manager Jim McLean was shattered is an understatement. It was a severe blow to his plans for the future, especially as both players had contributed a great deal to the club's major successes this season as Britain's last representatives in the UEFA Cup.

But, despite the shock departures Jim McLean and his directors refused to apply any sort of pressure on either player to return.

It therefore came as a great joy and relief to everyone concerned when, after a period of four weeks, Derek Stark revealed he had a change of heart as he strolled into Tannadice for a long serious chat



with manager McLean.

The outcome of the meeting was a new contract which has made Derek a full-time player with the club until 1986.

All thoughts of his joining the Fife Police have now been forgotten, and obviously Stark has decided that his future, at least for the next few years, will be as a full-time player with Dundee United.

"No one is more delighted than I am at Derek's decision to stay with the club," said manager McLean. "I would like to stress that it was absolutely HIS decision to do so, and I am more than convinced that he has made the correct choice."

Redundant

Referring to his walk-out, Derek revealed that he had been made redundant in his regular job outside football as a coachbuilder.

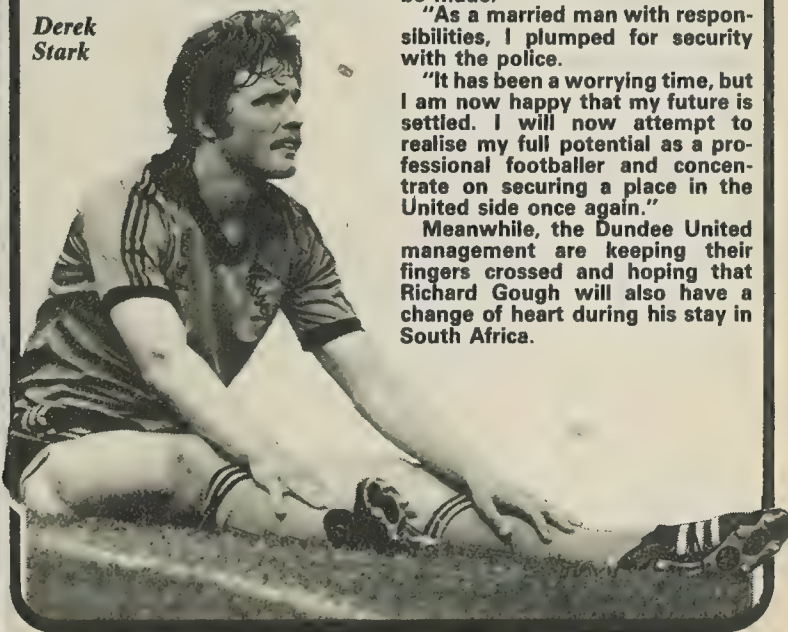
"Searching for a new job, I discovered that very few employers were willing to take on footballers who might require time off for games and training," he explained. "I then felt a decision had to be made."

"As a married man with responsibilities, I plumped for security with the police."

"It has been a worrying time, but I am now happy that my future is settled. I will now attempt to realise my full potential as a professional footballer and concentrate on securing a place in the United side once again."

Meanwhile, the Dundee United management are keeping their fingers crossed and hoping that Richard Gough will also have a change of heart during his stay in South Africa.

Derek Stark



'England can't change for Spain'

"Sweeping up for England against Brazil at Wembley."

EVERYONE seems to be playing guessing games about England's line-up for the World Cup Finals and it's been a boost to see that my name is usually included in the 'various' selections.

Virtually every time I'm listed as a midfielder, although almost a quarter of my caps have been won playing sweeper.

I've played at the back against Brazil, Switzerland, Scotland and Wales and if Ron Greenwood asked me to play alongside the centre-half in the Finals I'd be delighted.

I enjoy playing in defence, although I also enjoy playing in the middle of the park. I'd help England in any way I could.

I don't think I've let myself down when playing 'out of position' as sweeper, although I can't honestly see the manager using me or anyone in such a role on a long term basis.

Sweeper

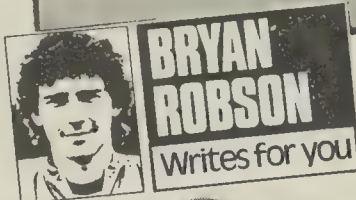
Traditionally our clubs and national team have preferred two centre-halves, rather than the Continental type sweeper in the Franz Beckenbauer or Ruud Krol mould.

There isn't enough time between now and the World Cup Finals for England to try out any new systems and I think you'll find us sticking to the same sort of formation we have used in the past.

When I've played sweeper on previous occasions Ron Greenwood has usually asked me the day before the game if I'd fancy playing at the back.

We've never tried it in training and while this defensive system has its advantages, from our point of view it also has its drawbacks.

If I played sweeper the other



three defenders — say, Phil Neal, Phil Thompson and Mick Mills — would have to change their role accordingly.

They'd have to man-mark defenders, staying tight on their direct opponent, as opposed to the way we play at present where the nearest defender picks up the dangerman.

It's asking too much of players to re-think the way they play in three months or so.

I've found playing sweeper for England easier than when I've played in the centre of defence for my club.

At international level strikers tend not to be quite so powerful in the air, which of course is the strength of a domestic centre-forward.

Opposed

I can read the game well, which helped me against the Brazilians and others, where I was looking for knock-downs as opposed to winning the ball in the air myself.

If I play in Spain I daresay it'll be as a midfielder with emphasis on defensive duties.

I'd say I do a bit of everything . . . but mainly my job is to 'hold' the midfield for England, keeping a balance between attack and defence in the middle of the park.

Ron Greenwood has never told

me to man-mark a player. The nearest he came to this was in Hungary, when he asked me to pay special attention to Tibor Nyilasi, who could have been a very influential player for The Magyars.

When I'm 32 or 33, I'll probably be able to put a few years on my career by playing in the centre of defence.

The further forward you play the more pace you need, and playing at the back is easier in this respect.

I'm still confident that I can end my first season at United with a Championship medal.

We've been able to play games and collect points while our title rivals have been involved in the F.A. Cup. Obviously I hope Ipswich, Liverpool and the others win on Saturday as they have even more on their plate.

While United would love to be playing the Cup instead of at Wolves this weekend, we must try to look at the situation positively.

Aston Villa were surely helped in winning the Championship last year by not being involved in any Cup competition towards the end of the season . . . and we hope it can be the same for us.

Bryan Robson

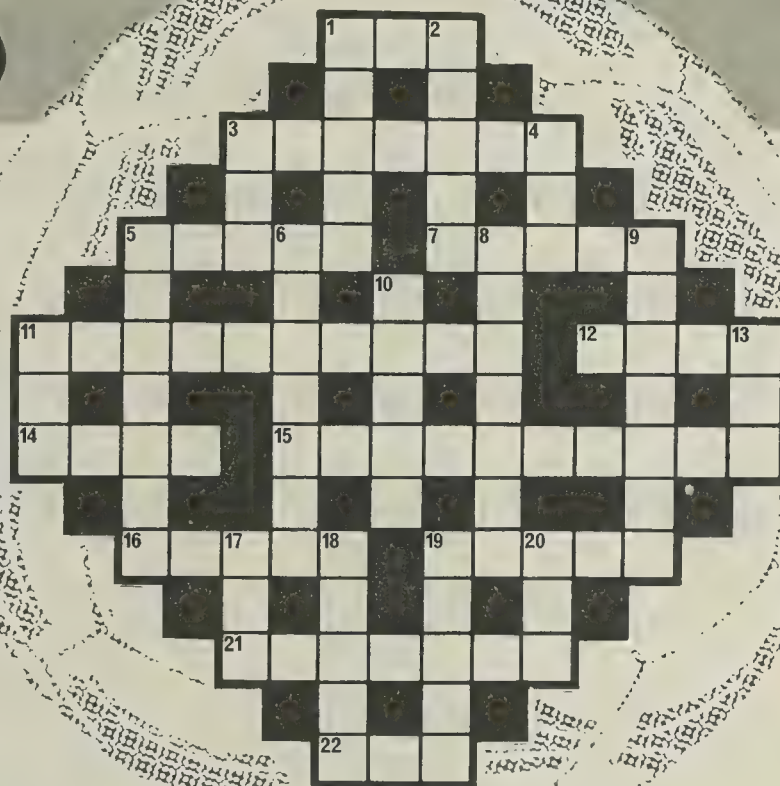
On the ball CROSSWORD

ACROSS:—

- (1) Terry ---cher, Ipswich and England defender. (3)
 (3) Ross —, Watford striker. (7)
 (5) Collides with or jolts. (5)
 (7) Take five letters from MANCHESTER UNITED to make a Rugby Football term. (5)
 (11) Aston Villa winger. (4&6)
 (12) — Gunn, Nottingham Forest defender. (4)
 (14) "The —", Brentford nickname. (4)
 (15) Rotherham United winger. (4&6)
 (16) — McDermott, Liverpool player. (5)
 (19) Andy —, Aston Villa midfielder player. (5)
 (21) Ray —, Manchester United midfielder player. (7)
 (22) ---derland play at Roker Park. (3)

DOWN:—

- (1) Billy —, West Ham defender. (5)
 (2) Stumbles. (5)
 (3) — Melrose, Leicester City striker. (3)
 (4) If Coventry, Blackpool & Doncaster give "VAN"; what do Arsenal, Brighton & Burnley give? (3)
 (5) Surname of the brothers Gary and Dave of Cardiff City. (7)
 (6) Mark —, Nottingham Forest midfielder player. (7)
 (8) — Palace are known as The Eagles. (7)
 (9) Paul —, Ipswich Town striker. (7)
 (10) See 19 Down. (5)
 (11) Clothing label found in the League tables! (3)
 (13) First three letters of the name of the team from Carrow Road. (3)
 (17) Disturbance or dispute. (3)
 (18) Shouts loudly. (5)
 (19 & 10) Leeds United midfielder player. (5)
 (20) Einar —, Nottingham Forest midfielder player. (3)



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WHEN Kevin Keegan recently announced that he would be staying at Southampton for at least another year, it's rumoured the sighs of relief could be heard the length and breadth of Hampshire.

But even if the original *had* decided to take his talents to pastures new, the supporters at The Dell would have been left with the consolation that they still had someone much in the Keegan mould.

Who says so? None other than the little maestro himself. And the player he's referring to? That's Steve Moran.

Steve was born just a few miles from Crystal Palace, but was brought up in the West, and was first spotted at the age of 11 by McMenemy, when Lawrie went to watch his own son play in a local village match on a wet and blustery Sunday morning.

"Steve was the little centre-forward in my son's side, and he spent the first half of the game slipping and sliding all over the place," recalls Lawrie.

"So at half-time I thought I'd give him some incentive to keep going. I told him if he scored three goals in the second-half, I'd buy him a new pair of football boots the next day."

Moran did just that — and those boots could possibly turn out to be McMenemy's best ever investment.

The youngster's appetite for goals has shown through in every grade of soccer he's played in — a fact superbly illustrated when he scored with what was virtually his first kick of the game, when he made his League debut as substitute against Manchester City, a couple of years ago.

And last term, his first full season, his tally of 21 League and Cup goals made him by far the top

marksman at the club.

After a brief lean spell at the beginning of the present campaign, Moran is fast returning to his buzzing best. And with Keegan himself enjoying his best ever season in front of goal — no wonder hopes are sky high down at The Dell.

'How Steve scores over me'

"I can see a great deal of myself, when I was younger, in Steve," says Keegan. "He's got the same desire and drive to succeed that I had when I was his age. And like me, his enthusiasm for the game seems to be unquenchable."

"When I first arrived at Liverpool, I thrived on having so many experienced professionals around me," Keegan goes on.

"Players I could talk to and learn from. Steve is exactly the same. He's always ready and willing to listen and learn from those of us at the club who have been around a lot longer than he has."

And as if praise like that isn't enough, Kevin goes on to pay an even more remarkable tribute to the Southampton youngster.

'Natural'

"Where Steve and I do differ is in our ability to score goals," says Keegan. "I've never been what I'd call a *natural* goalscorer."

"I've always scored goals, it's true, but without ever being anywhere near what you'd call prolific. And the goals I have got, I've had to work hard for."

"But Steve's goals all seem to come easy to him and by that I don't mean they're all simple tap-ins, either. Far from it, in fact."

"It's just that he does things, like finding space, avoiding tackles and making room for himself so instinctively, he makes the goals he scores *look* easy. And that's the hallmark of a fine player — ask any professional."

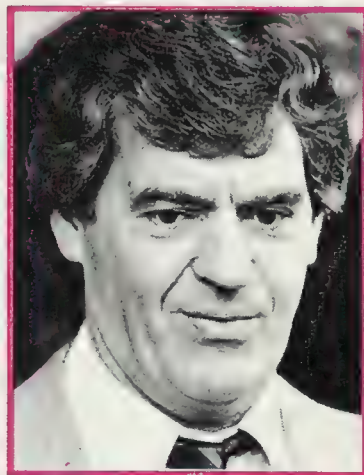
"With talent like that, he's sure to have a great future ahead of him. And good luck to him, too, because he's such a nice lad."

"Steve's still a little surprised by all the attention he's attracted, particularly last season when he first arrived on the scene."

"But he's level-headed, and can handle it. And besides, there's no one better than the boss, Lawrie McMenemy, to help him along."

Moran, who is also very similar in build to Keegan, was just 21 in January, and he couldn't have wished for a better birthday present than to receive such an accolade from the England captain.

—KEVIN KEEGAN



The goalscoring duo of Moran and Keegan (right). Saints boss Lawrie McMenemy (above) who spotted the youngster playing park football.





MIDDLES

BACK ROW (left to right): Colin Ross, David Armstrong (now Southampton), Graeme Hedley, Tony McAndrew, Irving Nattrass, Mike Angus.
MIDDLE ROW: Joe Bolton, Billy Woolf, Gary McDonald, Kelham O'Hanlon, Jim Platt, Billy Ashcroft, David Shearer, Billy Askew.
FRONT ROW: David Hodgson, Terry Cochrane, Jimmy Greenhalgh (former trainer), Bobby Murdoch (manager), John Coddington (coach), John Craggs, Ian Bailey.



BROUGH



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

A LOT of people are walking around Middlesbrough today with "I told you so" looks on their faces.

The cynical fans on the terraces — and Ayresome Park has more than their fair share of them — are not surprised at Boro's plight at the moment.

They are in the thick of a relegation battle in the First Division and were dumped out of the F.A. Cup at the first hurdle by Second Division Q.P.R.

But the people who predicted that fate for Bobby Murdoch's team before the start of the season shouldn't be so smug.

It didn't need a crystal ball to foresee the difficulties they would have after a summer of turmoil at Ayresome Park.

They lost an international class midfield in Craig Johnston, Mark Proctor and David Armstrong, along with top scorer Bosco Jankovic who returned to the Continent.

With that sort of reshuffle, no side could have expected to be among the front runners.

But, nevertheless, there is no doubt they should have given their supporters a little more to cheer about. By the halfway stage of the season, they had won only three out of 22 and not won away from home.

Even Bobby Murdoch didn't expect his first season as a manager to be so traumatic.

'Pressure'

He says: "I don't feel under any extra pressure, but I am as aware as anybody that somebody has to carry the can if we fail.

"It's my job to instil some more confidence in the team. We've plenty of games left and I still believe we can bounce back."

The board have already given their backing to Murdoch, both in words and cash.

The money was made available and Middlesbrough went for two experienced defenders in Joe Bolton and Mick Baxter, but both have failed to settle in.

Dutchman Heine Otto and Scottish midfielder Bobby Thomson have been more successful, with Thomson currently Boro's top scorer.

It is Thomson and Irish internationals Jim Platt and Terry Cochrane, along with defender Tony McAndrew, who are the only players to come near their true form.

It is not enough to ensure survival but more money has been made available for Murdoch.

This time, there must be no mistake, because the long term future of the club could depend on them staying in the First Division for the next few seasons.

Certainly, there is nothing to suggest the current squad is good enough for a quick return to the top.

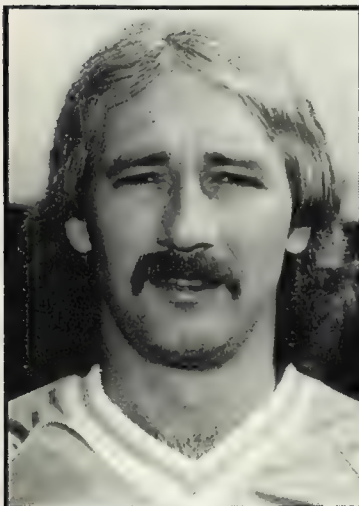
And stars like Cochrane and David Hodgson won't be content to stay at Ayresome Park in the Second Division.

I THREATENED a shake-up at Manchester City after our 3-1 F.A. Cup exit at the hands of Coventry City. Let me tell you that it's started — and I will not leave a stone unturned until I have got the club back on the rails.

That Fourth Round defeat was a bitter blow after our success in reaching the 100th F.A. Cup Final last season.

Unfortunately, we displayed little of the grit and determination which carried us to Wembley on the crest of a wave.

It is that lack of character which bothers me more than defeat and is the main reason why I'm changing things at Maine Road.



Gerry Gow left City for Rotherham.

I have told the players and I will tell you that I fully accept that some members of the team are better than other players in the side.

But I won't accept it when players let me down through lack of fight and application.

I demand honesty and a good attitude. Players let down themselves, the team and the club when they fall below those standards.

Asa Hartford, who is nearing 50 caps for Scotland, showed the ugly side of the game when he was sent off against Coventry City. I can perhaps understand a younger player getting dismissed in a crucial game, but Asa? A man of his experience.

Frustrated

You don't go around kicking people because you're frustrated and you aren't doing your stuff. There's no way I'll tolerate that.

Referees are rarely wrong on such important decisions. I don't know of many cases when a player has been sent off unjustly. Nine out of ten times they deserve to go.

When Asa is playing properly he is a tremendous asset to Manchester City. He is one of the best players in the country, so it is even worse for a manager when

'A SHAKE~UP AT CITY'

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Joe Corrigan (left) is a perfect professional. But Asa Hartford (right) let the team down when he was sent-off against Coventry.



he is let down by such a talented performer.

Asa is being fined for his conduct on that day. I will not tolerate retaliation or dissent. If they want a model professional to follow, they should study Joe Corrigan's example.

The upheaval we are having at City is necessary to guide us back on the right lines. I have never sat on the fence in my life. If I see something wrong, I act quickly to remedy the problem.

But I wouldn't want our Maine Road fans to believe that all the players who leave Manchester City go from here because they have upset me with their behaviour.

A manager has to buy and sell to keep his team in trim for battle. Ray Kennedy has been allowed to leave Liverpool because Bob Paisley needs to change his line-up a little.

Professional

Paul Power, City's captain in our great run to the F.A. Cup Final, is another true professional yet it was in the interests of the club to allow him to talk to Stoke City.

Gerry Gow was freed by me to join Rotherham because it was in his best interests to go to Millmoor. He's a lovely, infectious character who did a marvellous job for us. He has carried an injury for a long time and Rotherham were well aware of that when he joined them.

Another player to have left Maine Road recently is Martin O'Neill, who has returned to Norwich. I wish him well at his new club.

I sometimes wish managers could tell supporters the precise reasons for players' departures. Unfortu-

nately, it is not always in the best interests of the game if they know.

Financial aspects come into the selling of players. Sometimes you have to part with a star player to obtain another one. I didn't particularly want Steve Mackenzie to join West Bromwich Albion, but the money for him was used to finance other deals.

Soccer is fighting for survival because the clubs have brought the cash crisis upon themselves. They act as individuals, not collectively.

All the time they persist in paying out fantastic wages and transfer fees they will struggle to keep their heads above water.

A lot of clubs will go to the wall. They are living off the banks. Ninety-five per cent of clubs are in the red — and it's getting worse.

I include my own club in that percentage, though the likes of City, Manchester United and Arsenal are less likely to die than some of the others.

It's time for a change of attitude from the top to the bottom. Managers and players have got to show that they can act responsibly.

Freedom of contract allows star players to leave clubs before their retirement. The fans can't understand it when a player walks out on them. Perhaps we have got to re-think the game.

John Bond

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This week's Star Letter comes from Malcolm Johnson of Warrington, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

RONNIE ALLEN~ MANAGER OF THE YEAR?

CONGRATULATIONS on your recent West Brom Spotlight. You rightly forecast success for Albion after early season doldrums.

For saving Albion from relegation and creating a team capable of winning two Cups Ronnie Allen could well prove to be Manager of the Year.

In contrast, Ron Atkinson, who poached players and back-room staff from The Hawthorns, has seen his side take an early exit from both Cups and struggle to maintain a title challenge.

Another aspect you highlighted was Allen's success in developing the talents of Cyrille Regis. Allen will surely make Regis an England player.



● Remember, it was Allen who originally signed Regis for £5,000 from non-League Hayes.

Arsenal poser

WHY do Arsenal, with supposedly one of the best coaches in the game in Don Howe, and so many talented players, Rix, O'Leary, Sansom, Davis, Nicholas, etc., play near enough the most boring football in the First Division?

TOMMY WEBB,
LYDIATE.

● Maybe Arsenal fans can answer this.

Unfair on Hammers

"THOSE with a high ratio of drawn games (i.e. West Ham) have suffered under the system. Attacking teams such as Spurs have benefited greatly."

I was disgusted to read the above in a recent article on the three points for a win rule.

It gave the impression that West Ham were a side intent on defensive football, whereas Spurs were the team with all the flair and footballing imagination.

I would like to point out that EVERY game at Upton Park this season has been worth the entrance money, although The Hammers have suffered from teams such as Brighton and Everton arriving with defensive soccer a priority.

Even so, the side continues to

play entertaining soccer, and their 33 goals in 17 games was the second best in Division One.

Although I agree Spurs are an attacking team, their 26 goals in the same number of games is not so impressive!

CHRISTOPHER POWELL,
DIDCOT.

● Whichever way you look at it, Spurs are benefiting from the new system.

Too young . . . too old

AT 16 you are old enough to leave school and find a job.

However, due to the poor economic state of the country, many people cannot do this and often continue with further education.

We get little or no money from our parents, no student's grant and perhaps a hard-to-find, part-time, but low paid job.

Yet when we go to football matches we have to pay full fare on London Transport as well as British Rail and when we get to the ground, if we can still afford it, we have to pay an adult price to get in.

We pay the same prices as full-time wage earners.

ROBERT KNIGHT,
HIGHTGATE.

● The disappointing aspect is that few clubs really give facilities that are worth the money fans pay.

Keep soccer outdoors

THE news about possible indoor stadiums is just about the worst I've heard in years.

Football is THE outdoor sport. It isn't meant to be played indoors, or on plastic grass for that matter.

I can't believe the people who put forward these proposals have the best interests of soccer at heart.

JANE LIVESLEY,
SOUTH RUISLIP.

● The name of the game is now survival . . . and anything that can bring in much-needed money has to be considered.

Think British

WHILE flicking through my collection of Focuses I was infuriated by the number of footballers who in their answers seemed to have such a liking for the USA that it is almost as if they were born there!

Coupled to that, their favourite actor is Clint Eastwood, their favourite singers are Barbra Streisand and Stevie Wonder.

The person they would all like to meet is, of course, Muhammad Ali and the food and drink that they are most partial to is steak and lager — genuinely American foods.

My answer to it all is, please, think British.

HENRYK PIOTROWSKI,
BIRMINGHAM.

● Maybe they've met everyone they want to who's British.

Never say Dai

AS a Swansea City supporter I am appalled at the way everyone is criticising Dai Davies, calling him "Dai the Drop" and "Dai-abolical".

I will admit that he has made a few mistakes, but he has also saved our heads in many games.

Should not the defenders and the strikers share the blame?

Those strikers Curtis, James (L) and Latchford have only scored one goal between them in the last eight games or so. Certainly not Championship form!

My opinion is that Dai is just unlucky to have replaced a Vetch Field favourite — David Stewart.

So I say: "Come on Dai, show everyone why you hold the record number of caps for a Welsh goalkeeper."

NEIL MORGAN,
MORRISTON.

● Things don't seem to be going Swansea's way lately — it's now they really need the backing of the fans.



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Dynamic Moscow

Can you tell me the results of Moscow Dynamo's short tour of Britain just after the last War?

ROB LAWRIE,
UNITED STATES

● November, 1945 it was, Rob, when Dynamo came over — and they kicked off with a 3-3 draw against Chelsea before a huge crowd. As the gates were broken down in the rush to get in, the true number could never be ascertained. But the club estimate there were approaching 100,000 in the Stamford Bridge ground.

Next 45,000 Welshmen saw the Russians hammer-and-sickle Cardiff 10-1. Then it was a 4-3 defeat of Arsenal (54,000 crowd) before winding-up with a 2-2 draw against Glasgow Rangers (90,000).

But, though the Dynamo players themselves won a lot of friends with their impressive play and gentlemanly behaviour, the controversial conditions their authorities put on the organisation of the tour gave British football officialdom quite a few headaches in trying to "keep the peace".

First black

Who was the first black player to appear in a Football League match?

EBRAHIM KARA,
ZAMBIA

● Goes back quite a long time before the likes of Viv Anderson and Justin Fashanu, Ebrahim.

The very first seems to have been a forward named Desmond Tull, who played for Spurs between 1908 and 1914.

But though nowadays almost every League side seems to line-up with a talented coloured lad — besides Tull, I can only find a couple of others before World War Two began in 1939.

They were John Leslie — who captained Plymouth for several seasons in a long stay at the club between 1921 and 1935; and Chapstow-born Jimmy Parris, who won a Welsh cap in 1932, and played for Bradford, Luton, Northampton, and Bournemouth in the last ten years before War broke out to stop normal football.

SHORT PASSES

● Nottingham Forest's heaviest defeat was a 9-1 hammering by Blackburn Rovers in the Second Division on 10th April, 1937.
(MARTIN FLYNN, Northern Ireland)

● Grimsby's first League game was a 2-1 home Second Division win over Northwich Victoria on 3rd September, 1892.
(PAUL CARRUTHERS, Cleethorpes)

● Record gate for a League game in Britain is 118,567 (Rangers v Celtic, at Ibrox Park, on 2nd January, 1939).
(DAVID HAY, Aberdeenshire)

Short Passes are replies to readers' letters.

SHOOT: You pipped Wales on goal-difference to a place in Spain. Now, you face England in Bilbao . . . what was your reaction to the draw?

NEHODA: I've played against England four times, twice at Wembley. I also have experience of playing against the other British teams. Some people think the Scots, Welsh and Irish take more pride in playing for their country, but I certainly haven't found this. If there is a slight difference between English and Scottish players it's that *sometimes* the Scots play incorrectly, without a sense of fair play. It's a tough group. England, despite their troubles, are never easy to beat, home or away.

SHOOT: Your record against British teams is mixed — impressive at home, poor away from Prague or Bratislava.

NEHODA: I was surprised how well Wales played against us in Prague. They were, perhaps, a little unfortunate that night. When British teams play at home they put a lot of pressure on our goal with high crosses — England are no exception. We find it hard to



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ZDENEK NEHODA Czechoslovakia

cope with this, possibly because we're not good fighters away from home. However, when England and the others play away they tend to struggle a little because Continental sides have more variation in their game. I think we have more attacking ideas than England and they have trouble with this, just as we have with high centres.

SHOOT: How do you rate your World Cup chances?

NEHODA: I must be realistic and say there is no way we can win the trophy. It'll be a success if we reach the Second Round. Our team is nothing like as strong as the one which won the European Championship in 1976.

SHOOT: So who are your favourites?

NEHODA: Brazil, Spain, Argentina and West Germany will be the strongest sides. I especially like Brazil, because they have so many skilful players and their coach, Tele Santana, puts the emphasis on attack, which suits them. West Germany appear to have no weaknesses and, like, Brazil, so many good players . . . Rummenigge, Kaltz, Breitner and many others. I know the home atmosphere counts for a lot and if I had to put my head on the block I'd say Spain will beat either West Germany or Brazil in the Final.

SHOOT: You also played against the Soviet Union in the qualifiers. Can Scotland beat them?

NEHODA: Hmmm . . . it'll be very difficult for the Scots as the USSR



Goalkeepers Ivo Viktor and Gordon Banks exchange jerseys after England's 1-0 win over Czechoslovakia during the 1970 World Cup Finals.

'England's style a problem for us'



RIGHT . . . Nehoda celebrates his goal against England in the European Championship qualifying tie in 1975. The Czechs won 2-1.



THE MANAGER Josef Venglos

BORN on February 18th, 1936, in Rozumberok, Czech boss Josef Venglos began his playing career with the local club before moving to Bratislava in 1956 and dividing his time between Slovan Bratislava and university studies.

After nine years the intelligent midfielder hung up his boots; graduated from university; won his coaching certificate and headed for Australia to pick up valuable experience at club and national team level.

Returning to Czechoslovakia in 1970, he spent two years in charge of VSS Kosice before taking over at Slovan in 1972.

He led the Bratislava side to the League title in 1974, and in the meantime was doubling as assistant manager to the national team — sharing in the 1976 European Championship triumph.

Finally Venglos left Slovan to take over the national team from Jezek in 1977, and led the Czechs to a creditable third place in the 1980 European Championship.

WORLD CUP RECORD

Year	Opponents	Result
1934	Rumania	2-1
	Switzerland	3-2
	West Germany	3-1
	Italy	1-2
1938	Holland	3-0
	Brazil	1-1
1954	Brazil	1-2
	Uruguay	0-2
1958	Austria	0-5
	Northern Ireland	0-1
	West Germany	2-2
	Argentina	6-1
1962	Northern Ireland	1-2
	Spain	1-0
	Brazil	0-0
	Mexico	1-3
1970	Hungary	1-0
	Yugoslavia	3-1
	Brazil	1-3
	Rumania	1-4
	England	1-2
		0-1



HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Iceland 0, Wales 4
 Turkey 1, Iceland 3
 Wales 4, Turkey 0
 USSR 5, Iceland 0
 Wales 1, Czechoslovakia 0
 Czechoslovakia 2, Turkey 0
 Turkey 0, Wales 1
 Turkey 0, Czechoslovakia 3
 Czechoslovakia 6, Iceland 0
 Wales 0, USSR 0
 Iceland 2, Turkey 0
 Czechoslovakia 2, Wales 0
 Iceland 1, Czechoslovakia 1
 USSR 4, Turkey 0
 Turkey 0, USSR 3
 Wales 2, Iceland 2

USSR 2, Czechoslovakia 0
 USSR 3, Wales 0
 Czechoslovakia 1, USSR 1
 Turkey 0, Czechoslovakia 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
USSR	8	6	2	0	20	2	14
Czechs	8	4	2	2	15	6	10
Wales	8	4	2	2	12	7	10
Iceland	8	2	2	4	10	21	6
Turkey	8	0	0	8	1	22	0

ABOVE... Czech midfielder Antonin Panenka is watched by Leonid Burjak of the USSR in Bratislava.

LEFT... Nehoda shows his style against the Soviet Union.

are one of the best teams in Europe, just a little behind West Germany. Their team is based largely on Dynamo Tbilisi and Dynamo Kiev, two of Europe's top teams. In the past Soviet football has produced physically well prepared players, but it lacked outstanding stars except for Oleg Blokhin. Now there are several exceptional players — Kipiani, Chivadze, Shenaglia and Gutsaev, for example. And Blokhin's playing better than ever. The USSR are an attacking side, but they're good defensively, too, and particularly dangerous on the counter-attack.

SHOOT: You'll play England in Bilbao, where the temperature is cooler. If you reach the Second Round you'll move South to Madrid where it'll be much warmer. Will the heat make much difference to the Europeans who aren't used to it?

NEHODA: Not particularly, because the playing conditions — the pitch — will be excellent. Personally, I've found playing at noon in Central and South America exhausting, but that was because of the altitude or humidity as much as the heat. Spain, being at sea level and with low humidity, won't be too much of a problem. In any case, given a choice between playing in the heat and freezing cold, as we have to at home, I'd always rather play when it's warm.

SHOOT: Do you look upon the World Cup as a chance for you to secure a transfer to a club in the West?

NEHODA: I'm 29 and I'd love to play abroad for two or three years. The big problem is that our regulations stipulate that we can't join foreign clubs until we're 32, unless we receive special permission, as our former captain Anton Ondrus did.

SHOOT: Have you had any offers?

NEHODA: Yes, from Roma, Italy, Lokeren in Belgium and a few German clubs. I'd like to test myself in the German Bundesliga, which I consider the best national Championship in Europe. If I didn't make an impact there maybe I'd try Belgium. Unless I'm lucky I won't be able to go before 1984. Then, I'll return to Prague and devote myself to my civil profession as a lawyer. Last year I qualified as a lawyer and this is how I see my future. I'm definitely not interested in becoming a coach.

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NEXT WEEK:
Martin O'Neill
Northern
Ireland.

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League Cup

(Quarter-Finals)

IPSWICH (0) 2 (Wark, Brazil)
WATFORD (0) 1 (Barnes) 20,817
 Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, McCall, Mills, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.
 Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Pritchett, Taylor, Terry, Bolton, Callaghan (Train), Blissett, Jenkins, Barnes, Armstrong.

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Ardiles)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0 31,192
 Tottenham: Clemence, Miller, Hughton, Miller, Villa, Roberts, Perryman, Ardiles, Falco (Hazard), Galvin, Hoddle, Crooks.
 Forest: Shilton, Proctor, Gray, Needham, Roeder, McGovern, Wallace, Ward, Mills, Robertson.

Scottish Cup

(Second Round)

EAST FIFE (1) 2 (Scott 2)
FORFAR (1) 3 (Mitchell, Clark, Brash) 700

Tuesday, January 19

League Cup

League Cup

(Quarter Final replay)

BARNLEY (1) 1 (Walker)
LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Souness, Johnson, Dalglish) 29,639
 Barnley: Horn, Joyce, Chambers, Cooper, Banks (Glavin), McCarthy, Evans, Walker, Aylott, McHale, Barrowclough.
 Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Thompson (Johnson), Whelan, Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Rush, McDermott, Souness.

First Division

EVERTON (1) 1 (Richardson)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Moran) 22,355
 Everton: Southall, Stevens, Ratcliffe, Higgins, Lyons, Richardson, Irvine, Heath, Sharp, Eastoe, Lodge.
 Southampton: Katalinic, Golac, Holmes, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Baker, Channon, Moran, Ball, Armstrong.

Second Division

CHARLTON 0
LUTON 0 7,013
 Charlton: Johns, Naylor, Ferns, Gritt, Elliott, Phillips, Ambrose, Walsh, Hales, Berry, Robinson.
 Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Aizlewood, Antic, Goodyear, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, White, Fuccillo, Moss.

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1 (Wicks)
SHEFF WED (1) 2 (Bannister, Pickering) 8,289
 Palace: Barron, Hinshelwood, Boulter, Murphy, Wicks, Cannon, Lovell, Smillie, Walsh, Mabbutt, Hilaire.
 Sheff Wed: Bolder, Sterland, Grant, Smith, Pickering, Mellor, Megson, Mirocevic, Bannister, McCulloch, Owen.

Third Division

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Randall)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 4,853
 Chester: (1) 3 (Sutcliffe, Jones, Simpson)
 Portsmouth: (1) 2 (Doyle, Hemmerman) 1,444

WALSALL (2) 3 (O'Kelly, Penn, Rouse)
BRENTFORD (0) 0 3,853

Fourth Division

BURY (0) 1 (Johnson)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Houchen pen) 2,997

WIGAN (2) 5 (Methven, Bradd 2, Houghton, Barrow)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0 4,111

TRANMERE (1) 3 (Kerr 2, Craven)
CREWE (0) 0 1,609

Group Cup

(Semi-Final)

GRIMSBY (0) 2 (Kilmore 2)
SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Cross) 3,253

Scottish First

MOTHERWELL (2) 3 (Rafferty, Gahagan, McLaughlin pen)
CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (Miller) 3,000

QoS (0) 0
FALKIRK (3) 4 (Mackin, Stevenson, Perry, Heard) 600

Wednesday, Jan. 20

F.A. Cup

(Third Round replay)

HEREFORD (1) 4 (Showers, Harvey, Overson, Phillips)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Grimes) 4,025

League Cup

(Quarter-Final)

ASTON VILLA (0) 0
WBA (1) 1 (Statham) 35,197
 A. Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, Williams, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.
 WBA: Grew, Batson, Statham, Brown, Wile, Robertson, Jol, King, Regis, Owen, Mackenzie.

First Division

STOKE (0) 0
ARSENAL (1) 1 (Sunderland) 9,625
 Stoke: Fox, Evans, Kirk, Dodd, Watson, Doyle, Lumsden (Griffiths), O'Callaghan, Chapman, Bracewell, Johnson.
 Arsenal: Wood, Robson, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Whyte, Hollins, Sunderland, Davis, Nicholas, Rix.

Second Division

CARDIFF (0) 0
OLDHAM (0) 1 (Palmer) 4,097
 Cardiff: Healey, Jones, Gilbert, Maddy, Pontin, Bennett (G), Bennett (D), Micallef, Stevens, Dwyer, Giles.
 Oldham: McDonnell, Edwards, Ryan, Keegan, Clements, Fletcher, McDonough, Heaton, Steel, Palmer, Wydie.



Oldham's Roger Palmer.

Third Division

READING (0) 0
FULHAM (2) 3 (Gale, Coney, Lewington pen) 3,762

Fourth Division

BRADFORD (1) 3 (Gallagher 2 pens, Wood)
MANSFIELD (1) 4 (Lumby 2, Parkinson, Morgan) 3,729

PORT VALE (0) 2 (Hunter, Moss)
DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Speedie, Walsh) 3,529

Scottish Cup

(First Round)

STIRLING (0) 1 (Torrance)
CLYDE (1) 2 (Sinclair, Hood) 700

(Second Round)

MONTROSE 0
ELGIN 0 450

Thursday, Jan. 21

F.A. Cup

(Third Round replay)

HULL (0) 0
CHELSEA (0) 2 (Mayes, Burnstead) 13,238
 Hull: Davies, McNeill, Booth, Roberts (D), Deacy, Roberts (G), Marwood, Ferguson, Whitehurst (Flounders), Mutrie, Swann.
 Chelsea: Francis, Locke, Hutchings, Hales, Chivers, Pates, Mayes, Burnstead, Lee, Walker, Fillery.



Clive Walker (right) in action against Wrexham.

Scottish Second

(First Round)

CIVIL SERVICE STROLLERS (2) 3 (Clapperton 2, Spence)
COWDENBEATH (1) 3 (Liddle 2, Forrest) 260

STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 2 (Meakin, Bremner)
BERWICK (1) 5 (Lawson, Davidson 2, McGlynn, Moyes) 375

Friday, Jan. 22

Fourth Division

HALIFAX (0) 1 (Ward)
PORT VALE (1) 1 (Chamberlain (M)) 2,965

Saturday, Jan. 23

F.A. Cup

(Third Round)

CARLISLE (0) 2 (Bannon, Robson)
HUDDERSFIELD (3) 3 (Fletcher 3) 6,345

(Fourth Round)

BLACKPOOL 0
QPR 0 10,227
 Blackpool: Hesford, Simonite (Deary), Pashley, Blair, Wann, McEwan, Morris, Noble, Bamber, Hockaday, Harrison.
 QPR: Hucker, Fenwick, Gillard, Waddock, Howe, Roeder, Allen, Currie, Flanagan, Stainrod, Gregory.

BRIGHTON (0) 0
OXFORD (2) 3 (Cassells, Foley 2) 17,898
 Brighton: Moseley, Shanks, Nelson, Foster, Gattling, Grealish, Ryan, Ritchie, Smith, McNab, Thomas.
 Oxford: Burton, Doyle, Fogg, Jeffrey, Briggs, Shotton, Jones, Foley, Cassells, Thomas, Smithers.

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Shaw) 20,279
 Bristol City: Moller, Stevens, Williams, Aitken, Boyle, Sweeney, Tainton, Mann, Garland (Chandler), Harford, Musker.
 A. Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, Williams, Mortimer, Blair, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.

CHELSEA 0
WREXHAM 0 17,226
 Chelsea: Francis, Locke, Hutchings, Hales, Chivers, Pates, Mayes, Burnstead, Lee, Walker, Fillery.
 Wrexham: Niedzwiecki, Jones, Bate, Cegielski, Dowman, Ronson, Fox, McNeill, Carrodus, Vinter, Buxton.

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1 (Cannon pen)
BOLTON (0) 0 9,719
 C. Palace: Barron, Hinshelwood, Boulter, Murphy, Wicks, Cannon, Brooks, Smillie, Walsh, Mabbutt, Hilaire.
 Bolton: McDonagh, Whitworth, Bennett, Henry, Jones, McElhinney, Chandler, Foster, Gowling, Langley (Hoggan), Thompson.

GILLINGHAM (0) 0
WBA (0) 1 (Statham) 16,000
 Gillingham: Hillyard, Sharpe, Adams, Bruce, Sifton, Duncan, Powell, Tydeman, White, Kemp, Price.
 WBA: Grew, Batson, Statham, Brown, Wile, Robertson, Jol, Whitehead, Regis, Owen, Mackenzie.

HEREFORD (0) 0
LEICESTER (1) 1 (May) 10,480
 Hereford: Brand, Price, Sullivan, Hicks, Dobson, Musial, Harvey, Laidlaw, Phillips, Showers, White.
 Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Frier, Peake, May, O'Neill, Lynex, Lineker, Young, Wilson, Robson (Melrose).

LUTON (0) 0
IPSWICH (0) 3 (Brazil, Gates 2) 20,188
 Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Aizlewood (Antic), Horton, Goodyear, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, White, Fuccillo, Moss.
 Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, McCall, Mills, Osman, Butcher (O'Callaghan), Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Bond pen)
COVENTRY (2) 3 (Hunt, Hateley, Bodak) 31,276
 Man. City: Corrigan, Gow (Kinsey), McDonald, Reid, Bond, Caton, Hutchison, Reeves, Francis, Hartford, Power.
 Coventry: Blyth, Hormantschuk, Dyson, Gillespie, Barnes, Thomas (Butterworth), Bodak, Daly, Thompson, Hateley.

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Moore (D) (og))
GRIMSBY (0) 2 (Kilmore, Drinkell) 25,632
 Newcastle: Carr, Brownlie, Saunders, Trewick (Shinton), Carney, Haddock, Todd, Martin, Varadi, Wharton, Waddie.
 Grimsby: Batch, Moore (D), Crombie, Stone, Moore (K), Crosby, Ford, Kilmore, Whymark (Drinkell), Mitchell, Beacock.

NORWICH (1) 2 (Jack, Watson)
DONCASTER (1) 1 (Dawson) 17,311
 Norwich: Woods, Symonds, Downs, McGuire, Walford, Watson, Mendham, Jack, Deehan, Bertschin, Barham.
 Doncaster: Humphries, Lally, Cooper, Russell, Lister, Dowd, Pugh, Dawson, Douglas, Snodin (G), Little (Snodin (I)).

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Bates)
BURNLEY (0) 0 7,679
 Shrewsbury: Wardle, MacLaren, Johnson, Cross (Potts), Griffin, Keay, Tong, Dungworth, Atkins, McNally, Bates.
 Burnley: Stevenson, Laws, Wharton, Cassidy, Overson, Dixon (Potts), Dobson, Steven, Hamilton, Taylor, Young.

SUNDERLAND (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (2) 3 (Dalglish 2, Rush) 28,582
 Sunderland: Siddall, Nicholl, Pickering, Hindmarch, Clarke (Brown), Elliott, Buckley, McCoist, Ritchie, Rowell, Cummins.
 Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Kennedy (A), Whelan, Hansen, Dalglish, (Johnson), Lee, Rush, McDermott, Souness.

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Crooks)
LEEDS (0) 0 46,126
 Tottenham: Clemence, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Villa, Perryman, Ardiles, Falco (Hazard), Galvin, Hoddle, Crooks.

LINE-UPS... RESU

Leeds: Lukic, Cherry, Gray (F), Stevenson (Flynn), Hart, Burns, Gray (E), Graham, Butterworth, Gamson, Hird.

WATFORD (0) 2 (Armstrong, Callaghan) 27,004

WEST HAM (0) 0
Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Pritchett, Blissett, Terry, Bolton, Callaghan, Armstrong, Jenkins (Rostron), Lohman, Barnes.

West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Van der Elst, Neighbour (Pearson), Goddard, Cross, Brookings, Pike.

First Division

NOTTM. FOREST (0) 0

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 2 (Hooks, Christie) 26,158
Nottm. Forest: Shilton, Gunn, Bowyer, McGovern, Needham, Young, Proctor, Wallace, Fashanu, Gray (Roeder), Robertson.

Notts Co: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Goodwin, Kilcline, Richards, McParland, Masson, Christie, Hooks, Mair.

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3 (Armstrong, Puckett 2)

ARSENAL (1) 1 (O'Leary) 22,263
Southampton: Katalinic, Golac, Holmes, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Keegan, Channon, Puckett, Armstrong, Ball.

Arsenal: Wood, Robson, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary (McDermott), Whyte, Hollins, Sunderland, Davis, Nicholas, Rix.

STOKE (0) 0

MANCHESTER UTD (1) 3 (Coppell, Stapleton, Birtles) 19,682

Stoke: Fox, Evans, Kirk, Dodd, Watson, Doyle, Griffiths, O'Callaghan, Chapman, Bracewell, Johnson.
Man. Utd: Bailey, Duxbury, Albiston, Wilkins, McQueen, Moran, Robson, Birtles, Stapleton, Macari, Coppell.

WOLVES (0) 0

EVERTON (2) 3 (Richardson, Irvine 2) 11,784
Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Hollifield, Daniel, Gallagher, Berry (Atkinson), Matthews, Hibbitt, Teasdale, Richards, Moss.

Everton: Southall, Stevens, Ratcliffe, Higgins, Lyons, Richardson, Irvine, Heath, Sharp, Eastoe, Lodge.

Second Division

BLACKBURN (1) 2 (Stonehouse, Arnott)

ROTHERHAM (0) 0 7,706
Blackburn: Gennoe, Branagan, Rathbone, Arnott, Keeley, Fazackerley, Miller, Stonehouse, Bell, Garner, Brotherston.

Rotherham: Mountford, Hughes, Taylor, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Green, Towner, Gooding (Seasman), Moore, Alexander, McEwan.

CHARLTON 0

CAMBRIDGE 0 4,766
Charlton: Johns, Naylor, Ferns (Elliott), Gritt, McAllister, Phillips, Ambrose, Walsh, Hales, Berry, Robinson.
Cambridge: Key, Donaldson, Murray, Reilly, Fallon, Smith, Finney, Spriggs, Taylor, O'Neill, Gibbins.

DERBY (0) 1 (Swindlehurst)

OLDHAM (0) 0 10,171
Derby: Jones, Emery, Buckley, Dalziel, Sheridan, Money, Hector, Powell (B), Hill, Swindlehurst, Emson.
Oldham: McDonnell, Edwards, Ryan, Keegan, Clements, Fitcher, Wyldie (Nuttall), Heaton, Steel, Palmer, McDonough.



Paul Hooks of Notts County.

ORIENT (0) 1 (Moore)

BARNLEY (2) 3 (Walker, Banks, Aylott) 3,620
Orient: Day, Foster, Hughton, Taylor, Gray (Blackhall), Osgood, Godfrey, Margerison, Moores, Silkman, Hallybone.

Barnley: Horn, Joyce, Chambers, Cooper, Banks, McCarthy, Evans, Walker, Aylott, McHale, Barrowclough.

Third Division

BRENTFORD (0) 0

FULHAM (0) 1 (O'Sullivan) 10,830

CHESTER (1) 1 (Simpson)

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Randall) 2,040

CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Walker)

NEWPORT (0) 0 4,234

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Bell)

PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Tait) 3,297

PRESTON (1) 1 (Elliott pen)

MILLWALL (0) 0 5,085

READING (2) 2 (Beavon, Dixon)

PLYMOUTH (0) 2 (Cooper, Hodges) 2,789

SOUTHEND (3) 3 (Nelson, Greaves, Pennyfather)

WALSALL (0) 2 (Home, Caswell) 4,684

WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Ketteridge)

SWINDON (0) 1 (Greenwood) 2,084

Fourth Division

COLCHESTER (1) 3 (McDonough, Fagan (og), Allinson pen)

HARTLEPOOL (3) 3 (Houchen 2 (1 pen), Bird) 2,862

CREWE 0

BOURNEMOUTH 0 1,597

DARLINGTON (0) 0

ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (McDonald) 1,504

HULL (0) 1 (Flounders)

TORQUAY (0) 0 3,005

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Parkinson pen)

PETERBOROUGH (2) 2 (Gynn, Syrett) 3,242

ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Martinez)

BURY (1) 1 (Johnson) 3,581

SCUNTHORPE (2) 2 (Stewart, Telfer)

NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Perrin) 1,439

WIGAN (2) 4 (Bradd, Quinn, Houghton 2)

BRADFORD (1) 1 (Campbell) 7,107

YORK (0) 1 (Senior)

TRANMERE (0) 3 (Hutchinson, Kerr, Williams) 1,594

Scottish Cup

(Second Round)

ALLOA (0) 4 (Ingles (og), Paterson, Holt, Grant)

HAWICK R.A. (1) 1 (McConnell) 651

CLYDE 0

BERWICK 0 358

COLDSTREAM (0) 0

MEADOWBANK (1) 2 (Boyd, Jobson pen) 400

(Third Round)

AIRDRIE (1) 1 (McCluskey)

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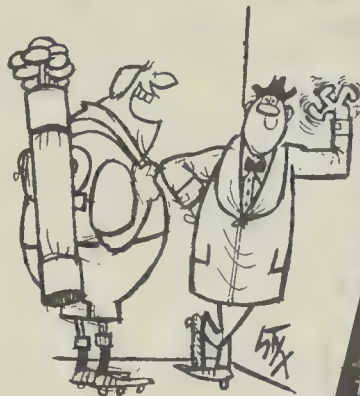
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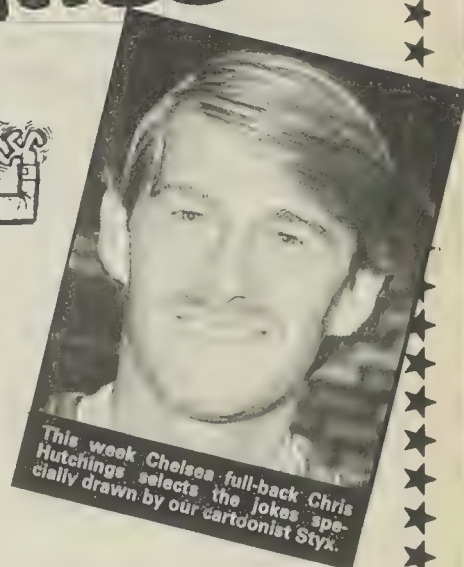
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Quick on the draw

THE Soviet Union F.A.'s bid to eliminate draws and encourage more open play does not appear to be working.

No point is awarded to teams which draw a First Division match after their first ten draws, but in the season just ended no less than five clubs played out ten drawn games and four clubs actually lost points: Torpedo Moscow — 14 draws; Dynamo Minsk 13; Neftchi Baku and Kairat Alama Ata 12 draws each.

More than a million fans watched each of the two most popular clubs, Dynamo Kiev and Dynamo Tbilisi, but the overall total was just over six million — a drop of more than 270,000 spectators compared with 1980.

THE national team of Afghanistan is playing in the West German Third Division.

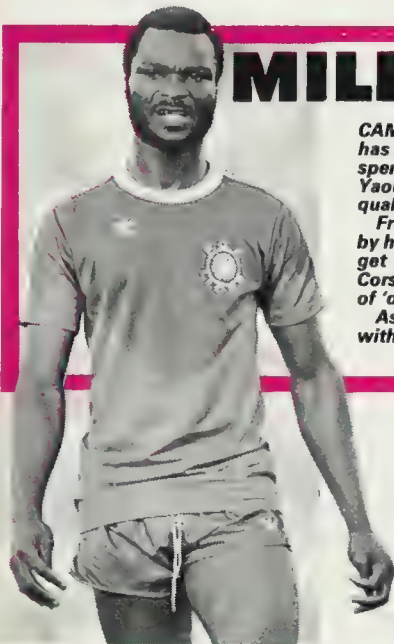
The players left the country in small groups after the Soviet invasion and have settled down in the same area in Germany.

Now, 17 of them have formed a new club in the town of Paderborn.

World Cup star Borg?

SPAIN'S World Cup Committee has confirmed that negotiations are under way in a bid to mount non-footballing spectacles during June and July to "liven up the country" during the month-long tournament.

If the negotiations are successful, there'll be performances by Julio Iglesias, the Rolling Stones and the Bolshoi Ballet; a Karpov-Fischer chess match; a Borg-McEnroe tennis match; a Formula One race; a spectacular bullfight; a big horse-race and an important athletics meeting.



MILLA'S TALE

CAMEROON'S ace striker Roger Milla has been suspended by his club after spending five extra days back home in Yaounde celebrating his country's qualification for the World Cup Finals.

French club Bastia were not amused by his excuses about not being able to get a flight back from Cameroon to Corsica, especially as Milla has a habit of 'disappearing' without permission. As punishment, they made him train with the youth side.

STRANGE news from Argentina, where Racing manager Jose Pastoriza is reported to have been arrested for running an illegal petrol refining plant!

Apparently Pastoriza and some friends have been buying low-grade petrol, tampering with the octanes and then re-selling it as 'super-special'.

Which just goes to show that a fuel and his money are soon parted!

News flashes

● Helmut Kronsbein, manager-coach of Hertha Berlin, resigned because at 66 he wanted to enjoy his old age pension. But with Hertha £300,000 in debt the club persuaded him to stay on because they cannot afford to pay the inflated salaries they are being asked from possible replacements.

● Gates were up in the Yugoslav First Division for the autumn half of the League campaign with Red Star Belgrade averaging 39,812 at home. Also up were red cards with 22 players being sent-off and four managers also got red cards.

● Sweden's national team manager Lars

Arnesson has been offered a new contract to end after the 1982 World Cup, despite Sweden's failure to qualify for Spain.

● Portugal's Super-Cup (Champions v Cup winners) has been won by FC Porto who lost 0-2 in Lisbon, but beat Benfica 4-1 in Porto. Less than 4,000 paid to see the game because it was screened on

TV without approval of the F.A. or either club and everyone involved is now claiming compensation from Portuguese TV.

● Lev Yashin has been appointed by the Soviet Union FA to be international secretary with special responsibilities at the moment for organising and administering the World Cup bid.

MIGUEL'S NO ANGEL



REAL Madrid goalkeeper Miguel Angel could easily have talked himself out of a place in Spain's World Cup squad following some explosive comments about Real's Yugoslav manager Vujadin Boskov.

The 34-year-old Angel, who was Spain's goalkeeper in the 1978 World Cup, said in a radio interview: "Boskov hasn't enough class to be in charge of a team like Real Madrid."

"He hasn't taught me

anything, and he's offended me quite a few times. He opens his mouth too much. He should shut up and get on with his job."

The Real captain's outburst followed comments by Boskov that he'd been at fault with vital

goals in the all-important games against Real Sociedad and Barcelona, but the Real directors immediately suspended Miguel Angel and banned him from training sessions.

Spanish manager Pepe Santamaria had pencilled Miguel Angel on his World Cup list as substitute for Luis Arconada, but this episode isn't going to favour his chances.



Compiled by CHRIS DAVIES

THE treasurer of Yugoslav League leaders Red Star Belgrade has been arrested and accused of misappropriating part of the gate receipts from two games played just before Christmas. There's estimated to be about £9,000 involved.

DIEGO MARADONA'S old club, Argentinos Juniors, is in a bad way financially, as Boca Juniors whisked away Maradona on loan and haven't paid for him!

Argentinos are having to wait anxiously for a court decision on Maradona's future, (the odds are that he'll return to Argentinos and immediately be transferred to Barcelona), before they can lay their hands on any cash, and in the meantime the players are three months behind on their wages.

UNLUCKY 13

ALFREDO DI STEFANO has had an end-of-season clean-out at River Plate.

No fewer than 13 of the first team squad have been transfer-listed — namely Juan Carlos Heredia, J. J. Lopez, Hector Lopez, Gonzales, Lonardi, Cejas, Labruna, Iervasi, Comelles, Cataldo, Ferreira, Palmieri and Abrahamian.

River previously had the incredible figure of 38 players in their first team squad!

MIGHTY MITAR

YUGOSLAVIA'S national team boss Miljan Miljanic has surprisingly named a 16-year-old school-boy among his World Cup squad.

He's S.C. Belgrade striker Mitar Mrkela, and strangely he was in hospital when news of his national team call-up came through.

He'd had his nose broken in a fight at school!

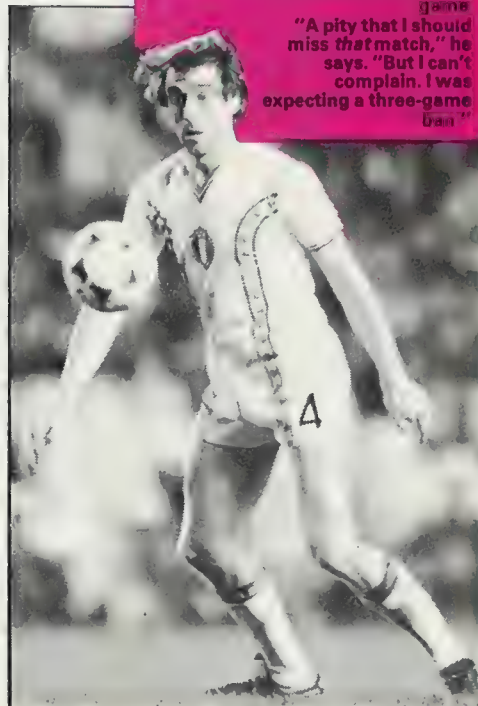
Belgian star banned

BELGIUM aren't too bothered about being paired with World Champions Argentina in the World Cup Finals — they meet in the opening tie.

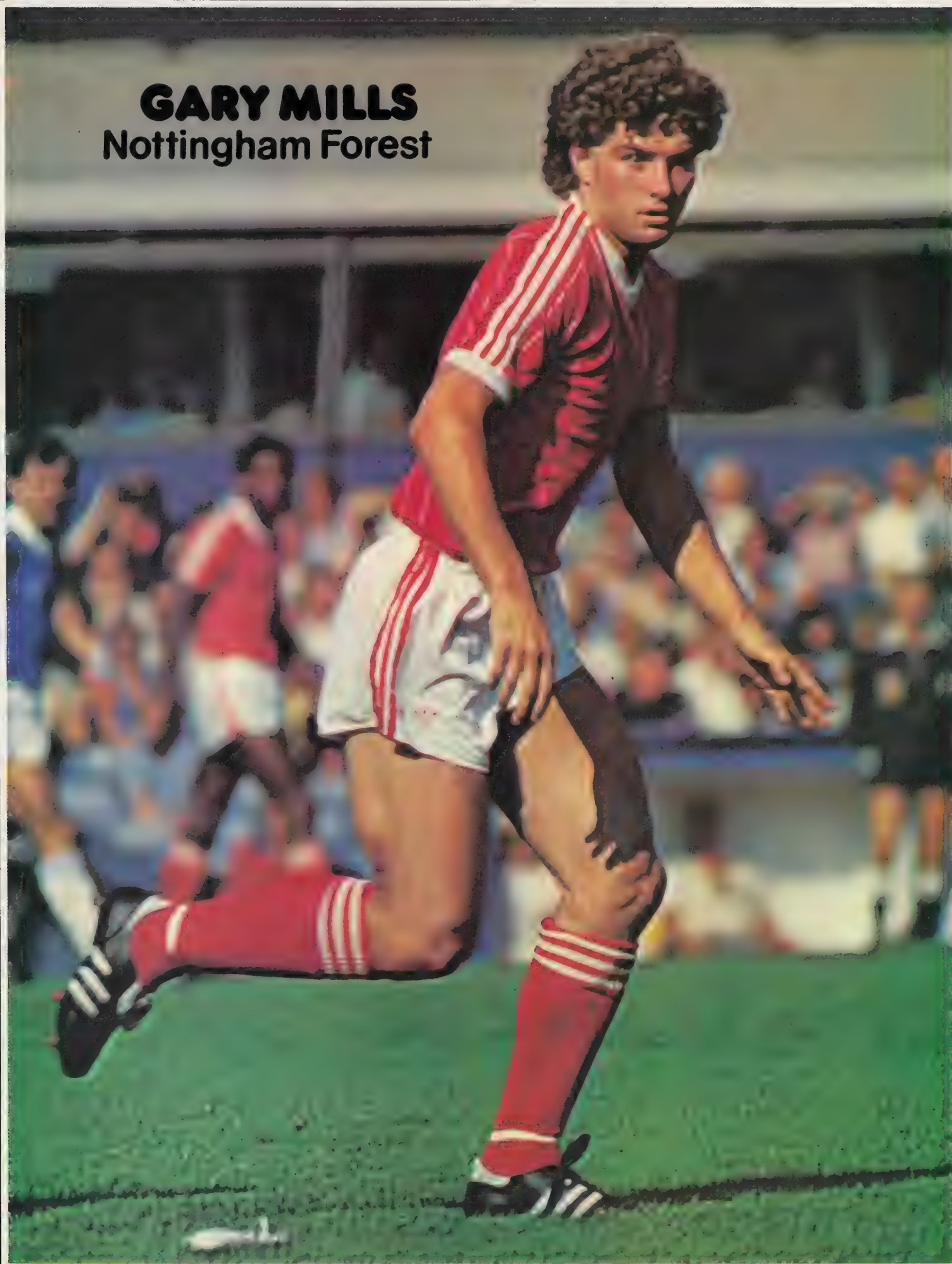
"The key game will be against Hungary," says Belgian captain Wilfried van Moer. "This will decide who goes through with Argentina."

The bad news for Belgium is that key central defender Walter Meeuws (below) received a one-match ban for being sent-off against Holland in a qualifying tie and misses the Argentina game.

"A pity that I should miss that match," he says. "But I can't complain. I was expecting a three-game ban."



GARY MILLS
Nottingham Forest



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AIRDRIE

BACK ROW (left to right): George Anderson, Harry Cairney, Tom Black, Francis Close, Alan Davidson, Ian Gordon, Albert Burnett, Kevin Farrell (free transfer), John Flood.

MIDDLE ROW: Dan McAlindon (asst. manager), Harry Erwin, Tom McCafferty, Jim March, David Thomson, John Martin, Colin Campbell, Stuart Millar, Arthur McKay (free transfer), Jim Kerr, Wilson Humphries (asst. manager).

FRONT ROW: Billy Reid (youth coach), Bobby Watson (manager), Willie McGuire, Tom Walker, Norrie Anderson, Pat McCluskey, Sandy Clark, Bryan McKeown, Jim Rodger, Steve Richardson, Billy Ramsay (physio).



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

CRITICS who continually accuse Airdrie of being far too physical and intimidating on their own tight, little Broomfield pitch are shot down by manager Bobby Watson.

The Airdrie boss was never famous for any frills as a player as he worked and toiled in the middle of the park for Rangers and Motherwell and he looks for the same 100 percent effort from today's players.

"We don't give anything away," says Watson. "If a team comes to Broomfield they can be

certain they will have a fight on their hands.

"Our nickname is 'The Diamonds'. I know some people are now trying to change that to 'Rough Diamonds', but I won't wear that."

"Yes, we battle hard and we have some marvellous competitors in our line-up, such as Pat McCluskey, George Anderson and others, but we are not a dirty team, I must stress that. I wouldn't stand for that."

"I believe me. Equally, I will not tolerate a player who doesn't give his all for the club."

"We survived in the Premier Division last season because we

showed the correct attitude. Every game is a mountain to be climbed and only those players who are prepared to compete all the way will get to the top."

Off the field Watson, a successful businessman in his own right, is known as a bit of a bible thumper. He can rattle off a sermon with the best of them and in the past he has admitted to a certain amount of disillusionment with football when he was a player.

He once said: "I was fed up to the back teeth at one stage with players' attitudes in the dressing room."

"They were all talking about

how much larger they had downed the previous evening and silly things like that."

"Those men were sportsmen, but they were letting down their club, their team-mates, their fans, and themselves."

"I didn't want them to suddenly become angels, but I wanted them to take a pride in what they were doing."

Watson's influence in today's Airdrie line-up is obviously immense. He has bought and sold very carefully and admits "Every penny here is a prisoner. If I spend £25,000 it must be like Manchester United lashing out a million."

"But it's a challenge and I'm hopeful we can build on the success we have had in the past."

Watson threatened to quit the Broomfield post last year, but was talked out of such action by his players.

There is still a long way to go for Airdrie, but they are heading in the right direction.

Airdrie know they will never be able to compete on level terms with the Celtics and Rangers of this world, but with Watson's virtues of effort, enthusiasm and dedication, his team of part-timers can retain the Premier Division place so coveted by others.

SHOOT!

QUIZ TIME

LEAGUE CUP

1. Tottenham moved into the Semi-Finals when they beat Nottingham Forest 1-0 at White Hart Lane. Did Ricky Villa, Garth Crooks or Ossie Ardiles score the winner?
2. Did Glenn Hoddle or Steve Perryman miss a penalty for Spurs?
3. Which Aston Villa star was sent-off at half-time in the 1-0 defeat by West Bromwich Albion at The Hawthorns?
4. Ipswich Town's (below, dark shirt) 2-1 home win against Second Division Watford put Bobby Robson's men into the Semi-Finals for the first, second or third time?
5. Holders Liverpool beat Barnsley 3-1 in a replay. Was the second game played at Anfield, Liverpool or Oakwell, Barnsley?



INTERNATIONALS

1. Kevin Keegan has played over 50 games for England. He scored his first goal for his country against Scotland, Northern Ireland or Wales in May, 1974?
2. Gerry Armstrong (Watford), Noel Brotherston (right, Blackburn) or Sammy McIlroy (Manchester United) finished Northern Ireland's top scorer in their successful World Cup qualifying section?
3. Partick goalkeeper Alan Rough made his full international debut for Scotland against Switzerland, Sweden or Spain in April, 1976?
4. Have Wales ever won the British Championship outright?



5. Tranmere Rovers player-manager Bryan Hamilton is a full international player for which country?

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4. Manchester City manager John Bond signed the talented Francis in —, 1981.

5. He made his full England debut against — in February, 1977.

Computer performance rating: 5 Superb; 4 Excellent; 3 Good.

TRUE OR FALSE?



1. Manchester United and Scotland defender Gordon McQueen began his League career with Scottish Premier Division club St Mirren.
2. Celtic were the first British club to win the European Cup when they beat Juventus of Italy 2-1 in 1967.
3. Aston Villa are the only club to have won the Football League Cup twice in succession.
4. David O'Leary (left), the Arsenal and the Republic of Ireland stylish defender, was born in London.
5. Orient manager Ken Knighton replaced Paul Went as manager of the Brisbane Road club.

SPOT THE CLUBS

1. Although now in the Fourth Division, this club has won the First Division Championship, the Second Division title and the F.A. Cup on four occasions. Who are they?
2. Which two clubs would be in opposition if Mark Grew saved a penalty from Dean Horrix in a Cup-tie?
3. Alan Kelly holds the record number of 447 appearances between 1961 and 1975 for which Third Division club?
4. Which club plays their Scottish Second Division games at Bayview Park?
5. Everton striker Graeme Sharp began his League career with which Scottish First Division club?

ANSWERS:
LEAGUE CUP: 1. Ardies; 2. Glenn Hoddle; 3. Tony Morley; 4. First; 5. Oakwell, Barnsley.
TRUE OR FALSE: 1. True; 2. False — they were the first but they beat Inter Milan NOT Juventus; 3. False — Nottingham Forest are the only club to win two successive League Cups.
COMPUTER PUZZLE: 1. Birmingham; 2. £1 million; 3. 1979 September; 4. Holland.
INTERNATIONALS: 1. Wales; 2. Armstrong; 3. Switzerland; 4. Yes, seven times; 5. Northern Ireland.
SPOT THE CLUBS: 1. Sheffield United; 2. West Bromwich; 3. Preston North End; 4. East Fife; 5. Dumbarton.

THE F.A. Cup holders against the League Champions . . . what a terrific Final that would have made.

Tottenham fans will have to change their tune from "Glory, Glory Hallelujah" to "There's No Place Like Home".

I'm only joking of course. But it's amazing how our Cup luck continues with yet another home tie. I believe I'm right in saying we've played 18 F.A. Cup and League Cup-ties at White Hart Lane over the past three seasons and another seven in London.

In contrast our Fifth Round opponents Aston Villa have now been drawn away 11 times in succession.

The luck of the draw, and you certainly need some luck to win a trophy, helped Spurs capture the F.A. Cup last season. I feel we can go all the way to Wembley again, especially if our number continues to come out of the hat first.

I heard the draw on the radio — no not the "Home Service" — at Tottenham's Cheshunt training ground with a few of the other lads who were in for treatment.

Monday is an official day off at Spurs, so there weren't many of us around.

Although we were naturally delighted to gain the home advantage yet again, we would have preferred one of the lesser clubs.

Villa will prove very tough opposition even though I think they have lost that little bit of magic that made

'HOMIE SWEET HOMIE'

them Champions.

Yes, I know they beat us 3-1 at White Hart Lane earlier in the season, but for a long time the game was there for the taking.

Neither I nor Garth Crooks was playing and watched from the stands. Keith Burkinshaw brought in two new men and that meant a difference in style and tactics. A team needs time to adjust to changes.

The Champions have lost some of their sparkle, mainly due to injuries to key players like skipper Dennis Mortimer and Gary Shaw.

Injuries definitely affect a team's rhythm. Even when the players are

fit and return to the side it takes a while for them to get back into gear.

But despite their problems and inconsistency, Aston Villa are capable of producing a top class performance, like the 6-0 thrashing they gave Notts County in the Third Round.

Spurs will have to be at their very best to beat Villa on Saturday. We certainly don't want a replay. But I am sure of a first time victory because, as I've said, we are the better and more settled side at the moment, especially at the back, thanks to Ray Clemence.

Because of Ray's influence and confidence the boys expect to win

every game now. Out of 26 games we've had 15 clean sheets, a remarkable record. So much for Spurs' criticised defence.

Tottenham will be well prepared for Saturday's Cup-tie. Our spy has watched Villa several times and prepared special dossiers.

Keith Burkinshaw has organised practice matches against the reserves who've played a similar style to Villa. The games have been stopped at set-pieces and at regular intervals and the coaches have worked out moves and counter-moves. There's not much about Villa we don't know.

Now let's have a look at the rest of the draw.

I must take Ipswich to beat Shrewsbury at Gay Meadow, even though it will bring back unhappy memories for full-back George Burley.

The Scotland defender went up for a high ball in last year's Fourth Round tie, fell awkwardly and severed ligaments in his knee.

Fortunately, George has made a complete recovery.

Q.P.R.'s synthetic pitch should prove the decisive factor against Grimsby, while Fourth Round heroes Oxford could make life difficult for Coventry at Highfield Road.

But The Sky Blues are in form at the moment and should end Oxford's brave run.

Up front with

STEVE ARCHIBALD



Leicester v Watford . . . a difficult tie to forecast and one that The Hornets probably didn't want.

Jock Wallace's side play a similar style and will go at Graham Taylor's in form side. I take Leicester to win, but only just.

I can't go against Liverpool at Chelsea. The Merseysiders are gradually creeping back to form, with my old pal Kenny Dalglish on top notch.

West Brom are looking so good at the moment. A strong, forceful side, scoring goals. Definitely a hot tip for Wembley.

Finally, Palace against Orient. Another tough one to predict so I'll go for home advantage. Tottenham know how important that can be!

LEFT: Terry Donovan scored twice in Villa's 3-1 win at White Hart Lane this season.
ABOVE: Villa were devastating in the Third Round against Notts County.

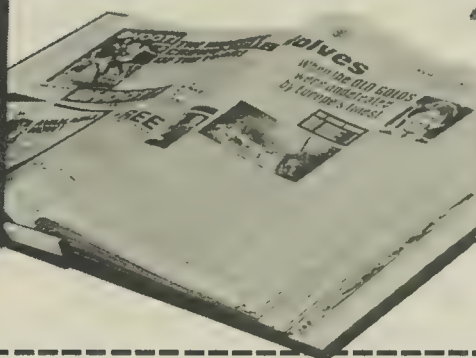
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Nor(wich). (17) Row. (18) Yells. (19)
Brian. (20) Aas.

SCOTLAND'S IRISH STAR SET FOR SPAIN

WOULD you believe that the Rangers player with probably the best chance of playing in the World Cup Finals in Spain this summer has hardly kicked a ball in our first team this season?

Sounds a bit Irish, doesn't it? In fact, it is a bit Irish... the player I'm talking about is the versatile Northern Ireland international John McClelland.

Big John has been extremely unfortunate with injuries this season and has been kept out of the team because of this, but I'm happy to report that he made his much awaited comeback in a reserve game a few weeks ago and came through without a scratch.

Attention

Now the player, whom manager John Greig bought from Mansfield for £90,000 in the close season, has set his sights on a first team place where he can attract the attention of Northern Ireland boss Billy Bingham, who, I'm told, is an admirer of John's versatile skills.

In fact, Bingham was the player's boss at Mansfield and he brought him into the international limelight a couple of years ago.

John, like everyone else at Ibrox, is desperate to get to Spain and I'm sure he has a good chance of getting into Northern Ireland's squad of 22 if he can show the form that made John Greig buy him in the first place.

I remember the first time I saw John, who is six feet plus and built to match. He was playing against Scotland at Hampden in the British Championship and he looked fearsome.

He was sporting a black beard at the time and this certainly added to his 'Incredible Hulk' image!

That same night — after Scotland had won 2-0 — Rangers signed McClelland and no one at Ibrox was



A bearded John McClelland (top). Frankie Gray (above, left) has become a permanent fixture at left-back.

in any hurry to make Irish jokes in his awesome presence.

Actually, John is a bit of a gentle giant. He is very soft spoken and has a very keen sense of humour... he tells jokes about Scotsmen!

One of the first things he had to do after becoming a Rangers player was to shave off his beard because of an unwritten policy at Ibrox.

"My wife had never seen me without my beard," John told me. "She thought I had been born with it. So when I took it off she hardly recognised me. I don't think my clean-shaven image was liked at first, but, thankfully, she has not left home or anything like that."

John tells me he has now settled on the outskirts of Glasgow and injuries apart, things are going quite well.



I've got my fingers crossed and I can only do my best for Rangers and hope Mr Stein has not forgotten me.

Mr Stein certainly has his work cut out for him in the coming months as he starts to shape his final squad.

If I think it is difficult claiming a place in the defence I wonder how the forwards must feel. Just look at the competition for places in the attack.

Certainty

Kenny Dalglish — it's great to see him scoring those wonderful goals again — is a certainty to travel of course and players such as Joe Jordan, Steve Archibald, Andy Gray, Alan Brazil, Paul Sturrock and Ian Wallace are also laying claim to the striking positions.

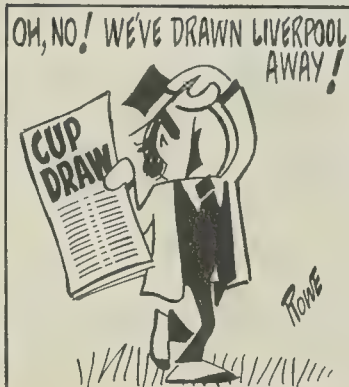
When I think about it, Scotland could probably go out to Spain with 22 first class strikers alone!

That's all for this week... cheers for now and I'll see you all in a fortnight.

Ally Dawson

**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**

NOBBY





PART FOUR of the fascinating history of the World Cup

ENGLAND 1966

THE World Cup came to England in 1966 with home manager Alf Ramsey confidently predicting that his side would account for all comers.

It was a tournament which promised so much, yet one which started so dismally — England's goalless draw with Uruguay in the opening game at Wembley



Pelé: helped off

was to give a first chance to young Geoff Hurst.

In Group Two, West Germany and Argentina cruised to the Quarter-Finals, and Hungary joined Portugal as qualifiers in Group Three by beating Bulgaria 3-1.

But it was in Group Four where one of the World Cup's greatest shocks was to take place.

Little North Korea's first game, against Russia ended in a predictable 3-0 defeat. Although they then gained a 1-1 draw with Chile, few people gave them much hope against Italy.

Italy started in a confident casual mood and looked to be ready to strike when suddenly little Pak Doo Ik netted for Korea.

Despite much frantic effort, Italy were unable to force an equaliser as North Korea held out to qualify for the Quarter-Finals.

There they were to come up against Portugal conquerers of

World Champions Brazil.

The Koreans went a goal up through Pak Seung Jim. Li Dong Woon made it 2-0, and, to complete a sensational beginning Yang Sung Kook added a third, giving the Koreans what seemed to be an unassailable lead.

But knowing only how to attack, North Korea were unable to resist the inevitable Portuguese fightback, inspired by Eusebio.

Within seven minutes, he had netted a hat-trick to level the scores by half-time. Shortly after the break he added another and the Koreans were eventually beaten 5-3.

England's Quarter-Final game against Argentina at Wembley was to prove an altogether different

Pelé kicked out...

the little 'giants' from North Korea... the shame of Rattin. Then

GLORY, GLORY FOR ENGLAND

proving a disappointing affair.

But things soon picked up, notably at Goodison Park, where Brazil beat Bulgaria with goals from Pelé and Garrincha.

Elsewhere there were victories for Portugal, West Germany, Argentina, Russia and Italy while France and Mexico, England's other Group One opponents, drew 1-1 at White City.

England finally managed to open their account against Mexico, their first goal coming from Bobby Charlton. Roger Hunt added a second.

Again the best match took place at Everton, where reigning Champions Brazil were surprisingly beaten 3-1 by Hungary.

Pelé was missing on that occasion because of injury, but returned for the crucial clash against the Portuguese and wished he hadn't.

Two goals from Eusebio helped Portugal to a 3-1 win, but the game is probably remembered only for the vicious and crude fouls which Pelé endured.

Brazil were out and Pelé vowed he would never grace the World Cup Finals again.

In Group One, England confirmed their growing confidence with a 2-0 victory against France, Roger Hunt netting both goals.

But during this game Jimmy Greaves picked up an injury which

Italy (light shirts) try frantically to equalise against North Korea... but the underdogs hold on to win 1-0.



England boss Alf Ramsey



prospect, remembered for totally different reasons.

For this was the game in which the Argentinian captain, Antonio Rattin, was sent off.

Rattin refused to go. For 11 minutes, players, officials, managers and fans argued and remonstrated until, at long last, Rattin was persuaded to leave.

At the end of the day it was only a 77th minute header from Geoff Hurst which separated the two teams.

England, if somewhat unconvincingly, had reached the World Cup Semi-Finals for the first time.

Further North, at Hillsborough, West Germany and Uruguay were staging what was almost a repeat performance.

Again the South American captain was sent off. But this time

Troche was joined by team-mate Silva, dismissed for a reckless foul on a somewhat theatrical Haller.

Against nine men, the Germans were irresistible. Haller netted twice, Beckenbauer scored a beauty and Seeler was also on target.

The other Quarter-Final, between Hungary and Russia, ended 2-1 in favour of the latter, who were now due to face West Germany in the Semi-Final at Goodison Park.

England were undoubtedly helped by the fact that their meeting with Portugal would be staged a day later. They would know before kicking off that they would be facing West Germany in the Final should they overcome Eusebio and company at Wembley.

The West Germans again completed their game against nine men. First Sabo suffered a terrible injury in attempting to foul Beckenbauer, then Chislenko was sent off for a vicious kick at Held.

Haller had netted a minute

before Chislenko's dismissal; shortly afterwards Beckenbauer made it 2-0.

But even then the Russians weren't finished. A basic error by the German 'keeper Tilkowski enabled Porkujan to pull a goal back and in the end the Germans were hanging on to their slender lead.

By this time, England was in the grip of World Cup fever. Having reached the last four without ever really impressing, England were to suddenly hit the kind of form which made them overwhelming favourites to lift the Cup.

Against Portugal, Bobby Charlton was outstanding. Twice he unleashed his characteristic cannonball shot, twice he found the back of the Portuguese net.

Eusebio, previously

unstoppable, didn't get a look in. Nobby Stiles dogged his every footstep, and it was only eight minutes from time that he managed to score — from the penalty-spot.

England were through to the World Cup Final to meet West Germany.

Alf Ramsey now had Jimmy Greaves back at his disposal. Although Hurst was playing too well to be dropped, there was much pressure on the England boss to bring back the enigmatic Spurs striker for the less reliable Roger Hunt.

Ramsey gave Hunt the nod over Greaves, virtually ending the international career of one of the game's most prolific goalscorers.

Almost 100,000 fans crammed into Wembley Stadium that

Martin Peters was controlling the flow of the game in a manner which few had suspected him to be capable of, while in attack, if Hunt was below par, Hurst was unstoppable.

The Germans resisted England's onslaught until the 78th minute.

Ball's corner was met by Hurst at the far post. His shot was blocked by Weber but Peters, following up, penetrated the defensive barrier.

Now it was just a matter of time — 12 minutes for England to hold out against the inevitable German drive for the equaliser.

Eleven minutes passed. With less than 60 seconds remaining Jack Charlton was penalised for a push on Held.

Emmerich's shot deflected wildly across the England goalmouth. A mass of bodies dived for the loose ball but it was German stopper Wolfgang Weber who got the vital touch to send the ball over the England goal-line and the game into extra-time.

Within 90 seconds of extra-time Ball had fired in a shot which Tilkowski just turned over.

Stretch

Minutes later the German 'keeper again went full stretch to turn Bobby Charlton's full-blooded drive against the upright.

The woodwork had saved the Germans, but moments later it was to betray them.

Ball's cross was met at the near post by Hurst, who crashed a whiplash shot past Tilkowski.

The ball hit the underside of the bar and dropped like a stone. Hunt, following up, stopped dead in his tracks, not bothering to shoot back over the line.

Outraged German defenders protested that the ball had not crossed their line, but after a consultation with his Russian linesman, referee Dienst pointed to the centre-spot.

Controversy about that goal rages until this day.

But England were ahead once more.

With only seconds remaining Moore picked out the sprinting figure of Hurst with a marvellous 30-yard pass. Hurst lashed a rising shot into the German net.

Hurst's hat-trick was complete. England had won 4-2 and a nation rejoiced as Alf Ramsey's team became the first host country to win the World Cup in 32 years.

Argentina skipper Antonio Rattin (right) is dismissed during the Quarter-Final clash v. England. Bobby Moore (below) kisses the Jules Rimet trophy after England's spectacular 4-2 Final win against West Germany.



Saturday. Although the vast majority were fervently behind the host nation, there was a fair representation of Germans among them.

And it was those Germans who were ecstatic after just 13 minutes when Wilson succeeded only in clearing Held's cross as far as Helmut Haller.

The blond German striker made no mistake driving his shot past the stranded Gordon Banks. But the England team of 1966 were not a team short of fighting spirit.

Nobby Stiles, Alan Ball and Jack Charlton were all players typical of Ramsey's characteristically dogged teams. Within six minutes England were level.

A quickly taken free-kick by captain Bobby Moore caught the German defence napping and Hurst sprinted in to head home.

8th WORLD CUP England, 1966

GROUP 1				
England	(0)0	Uruguay	(0)0	
France	(0)1	Mexico	(0)1	
Uruguay	(2)2	France	(1)1	
England	(1)2	Mexico	(0)0	
Uruguay	(0)0	Mexico	(0)0	
England	(1)2	France	(0)0	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	2	1	0	4	0	5
Uruguay	3	1	2	0	2	1	4
Mexico	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
France	3	0	1	2	2	5	1

GROUP 2				
West Germany	(3)5	Switzerland	(0)0	
Argentina	(0)2	Spain	(0)1	
Spain	(0)2	Switzerland	(1)1	
Argentina	(0)0	W. Germany	(0)0	
Argentina	(0)2	Switzerland	(0)0	

West Germany (1)2	Spain					(1)1
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
West Germany	3	2	1	0	7	1 5
Argentina	3	2	1	0	4	1 5
Spain	3	1	0	2	4	5 2
Switzerland	3	0	0	3	1	9 0

GROUP 3				
Brazil	(1)2	Bulgaria	(0)0	
Portugal	(1)3	Hungary	(0)1	
Hungary	(1)3	Brazil	(1)1	
Portugal	(2)3	Bulgaria	(0)0	
Portugal	(2)3	Brazil	(0)1	
Hungary	(2)3	Bulgaria	(1)1	

Portugal	(23)	Brazil	(19)
Hungary	(23)	Bulgaria	(11)
		P W D L F A Pts	
Portugal		3 3 0 0 9 2 5	
Hungary		3 2 0 1 7 5 4	
Brazil		3 1 0 2 4 6 2	
Bulgaria		3 0 0 3 1 8 0	

GROUP 4						
USSR	(2)3	North Korea	(0)			(0)
Italy	(1)2	Chile	(0)			(0)
Chile	(1)1	North Korea	(0)			(1)
USSR	(0)1	Italy	(0)			(0)
North Korea	(1)1	Italy	(0)			(0)
USSR	(1)2	Chile	(1)			(1)
		P	W	D	L	F A Pts
USSR		3	3	0	0	6 1
North Korea		3	1	1	1	2 4
Italy		3	1	0	2	2 2
Chile		3	0	1	2	2 5

QUARTER-FINALS				
England	(0)1	Argentina	(0)0	
West Germany	(1)4	Uruguay	(0)0	
Portugal	(2)5	North Korea	(3)3	
USSR	(1)2	Hungary	(0)1	

SEMI-FINALS				
West Germany	(1)2	USSR	(0)1	
England	(1)2	Portugal	(0)1	
THIRD PLACE MATCH: Wembley				
Portugal	(1)2	USSR	(1)1	

FINAL: Wembley 30.7.66				
Attendance	33,000			
England	(1)2	West Germany	(1)2	
Hurst, 3, Peters		Haller, Weber		

England: Banks; Cohen, Wilson; Stiles, Charlton (J), Moore (capt), Ball, Hurst, Hunt, Charlton (R), Peters
West Germany: Tilkowski; Hottges, Schnellinger; Beckenbauer, Schulz, Weber; Held, Haller, Seeler (capt), Overath, Emmerich

JOHN Wile is determined to finish his ninth season as West Bromwich Albion captain with a winners' medal to show for his efforts. And with Albion going so well in both the League and F.A. Cup, as well as in the League, who is to say he won't achieve that goal?

No current skipper at any First Division club has been so long at the helm and Wile admits: "Yes, I've seen plenty of service at The Hawthorns without any recognition in terms of a major success. It would be the icing on the cake to win something this time."

Wile steered Albion to fourth place last season and their dazzling run of victories after early season turmoil has even brought forecasts of their first League Championship since 1920.

"We've got to keep our feet on



"I felt that the demands on the pitch meant that I was not fulfilling my coaching duties to the limit. The job is too important to have anything less than 100 per cent attention."

"But I look forward to returning to coaching and management — that is where I see my future in the game."

"I have a year and a half left on my current contract at West Bromwich and the club have indicated that there is a position for life for me . . . but things change so fast in football that you never know what is around the corner."

If Cyrille Regis can keep pumping in the goals at his current rate, almost anything is within Albion's reach — but Wile looks behind his team's star striker to explain the transformation in fortunes.

"If there is one single reason for us turning the corner, it has to be

Martin Jol (stripes) has brought stability to Albion's midfield.

JOHN'S LONG WAIT FOR SUCCESS

the ground," says the six feet one inch central defender of more than 500 first team matches. "There are two aspects that makes me cautious: the weather and the fact that so many people are shouting our prospects so soon."

"We were top of the table three years ago and playing tremendous football. Then the weather caused a string of postponements as it has done this time. We never picked up our rhythm in the same effective way and finally came in third behind Liverpool and Forest."

"That wasn't bad, of course, but we had the ability, skill and quality to have done so much better. So this season, we've got to prove that we can come through the frustrations of winter postponements."

"Secondly, we've heard it all before but not won anything in the end."

Tribute

If Albion finish with a trophy or two, it will be a worthy tribute to the authority of Wile. In the early weeks of the season with the day-by-day uproar over Bryan Robson and Remi Moses. It seemed that Albion could become more concerned with the Second Division than the First.

There were the alarming defeats, bitterness and recriminations — but Wile, along with manager Ronnie Allen, was one of those at The Hawthorns who kept his head when many seemed to be losing theirs.

"It looked worse from the outside looking in. When there are these headline battles between players and management it can seem that everything is coming apart."

"In fact, it seldom really spills

over into the dressing room because all the parties accept it as part and parcel of football life."

"In the end, however, there was a spell when our problems started to affect the confidence of players. Then it became serious because of the club's future and the livelihood of the players. That was where captaincy had a role to play."

"It's just the same as management: when everything is going well, you don't hear much about the job — when there are problems, your responsibilities are called for . . . and have to be exercised."

"I felt that my job was to set the right kind of standards and attitudes; to encourage players whose confidence was declining; to help Ronnie Allen and coach Gerry Summers to maintain the necessary discipline."

It was Don Howe who appointed Big John as skipper. Under Johnny Giles, Ron Atkinson and two spells of control by Allen, he has become more and more a figure of influence at West Bromwich.

"I've always believed that there is far more to captaincy than leading out the team, tossing a coin and shaking hands," he says.

"I like to be involved in tactical matters and every Albion manager I've played for has encouraged me to accept the full extent of captaincy responsibilities."

At the start of this season, John was the club's player-coach, but he stood down when Gerry Summers arrived.



the arrival of Martin Jol," says Wile of the gifted Dutchman. "Not so much in the individual sense but providing us with the balance we lacked."

"We were playing four naturally attacking players in midfield: David Mills, Gary Owen, Steve Mackenzie and Andy King. Defenders were being pulled away because of the lack of an anchor man in midfield. Martin is more defensive in style and now he is sitting in there and doing a vital job."

THE UNEXPECTED

Bowyer's return...

It was typical of Ian Bowyer's year-long spell of misery at Sunderland that his return to the side after recovering from a serious knee injury coincided with a 5-1 home defeat by Manchester United.

But the ligament injury that took a chunk out of his stint in the North-East was only one of the sorry episodes that followed his £275,000 move from Nottingham Forest.

The other was the sacking of the management team of Ken Knighton and Frank Clark, who were responsible for taking him to Sunderland in the first place.

Bowyer, now back at Forest after a cut-price £45,000 deal, admitted: "One way and another, it wasn't the happiest time of my football life, particularly after I had had so many good times in my first spell with Forest.

"I went to Sunderland because I thought it was a good move for me at that stage of my career. I was 29, Forest were building a new, young side and they received what I admitted was an excellent price for me.

"The offer to go to Sunderland was an attractive one, but it was just one of those moves that didn't work out. I couldn't honestly see a future for myself there and that's why I asked for a transfer."

That alerted Forest and, with a

profit margin of £230,000, buying back Bowyer had to be good business for them.

As assistant manager Peter Taylor pointed out: "We know Ian from A to Z. We knew his strengths, weaknesses and down to the finest detail what job he could do for us.

"In the changes that have taken place at the City Ground in the 12 months since Ian's departure, we've slashed the average age of the side. But it left us short of one vital quality — know-how.

"Ian had that, and that's why we made moves to add a degree of extra experience."

Dramatic

Bowyer, who was once left out at Forest after scoring the dramatic winner that took them to the 1979 European Cup Final, confesses: "I know I'll have a job on my hands getting into the side and staying there but I also know that I'll get a fair crack at the whip.

"I knew that before, but I also realised that the boss and Peter Taylor had a bit of time for me.

"I've got a two-and-a-half year contract and I'd like to think that there is a good chance of adding to my list of honours.

"Since I've been back in Nottingham people keep saying that Forest are having a bad time and that it's not like the old days but I look at the First Division table and see that we are in contention with everybody else.

"I've had a look at our fixtures and see that we go to Ipswich on the last day of the season. I'd like us to be going there needing a point for the title!"



Roeber's reunion...

NOTTINGHAM Forest had "inside information" when they clinched their recent import deal, taking German midfield player Jurgen Roeber to the City Ground.

Roeber, a 27-year-old former 'B' international, was a team-mate as recently as last season of Forest's Norwegian defensive star Einar Aas.

The pair were together with Bayern Munich but when Aas moved to Forest at the tail-end of last season, Roeber took his talents even further by joining Calgary Boomers in the North American Soccer League.

Now they have been unexpectedly reunited at Forest and Aas has no doubt that Roeber, who

was in West Germany's original squad for the last World Cup Finals in Argentina, will be a success in English football.

Said Aas: "I'm sure he will enjoy playing in England — as I do — and settle down to do well for Forest. He's the type of player who will thrive in England."

And Roeber reveals: "I have always wanted to play in English football — apart from anything else one of my great ambitions is to play at Wembley — and I could not really have done any better than join a club like Forest.

"They are a very big name in European football now after winning the European Cup twice.

"When Brian Clough asked me for a trial I was hoping he would buy me and my only concern at the time was that I had not played any football for about two months.

"I had kept myself fairly fit in the meantime and I was delighted to sign.

"The game in England is quicker and more physical but I am sure I will enjoy it here."

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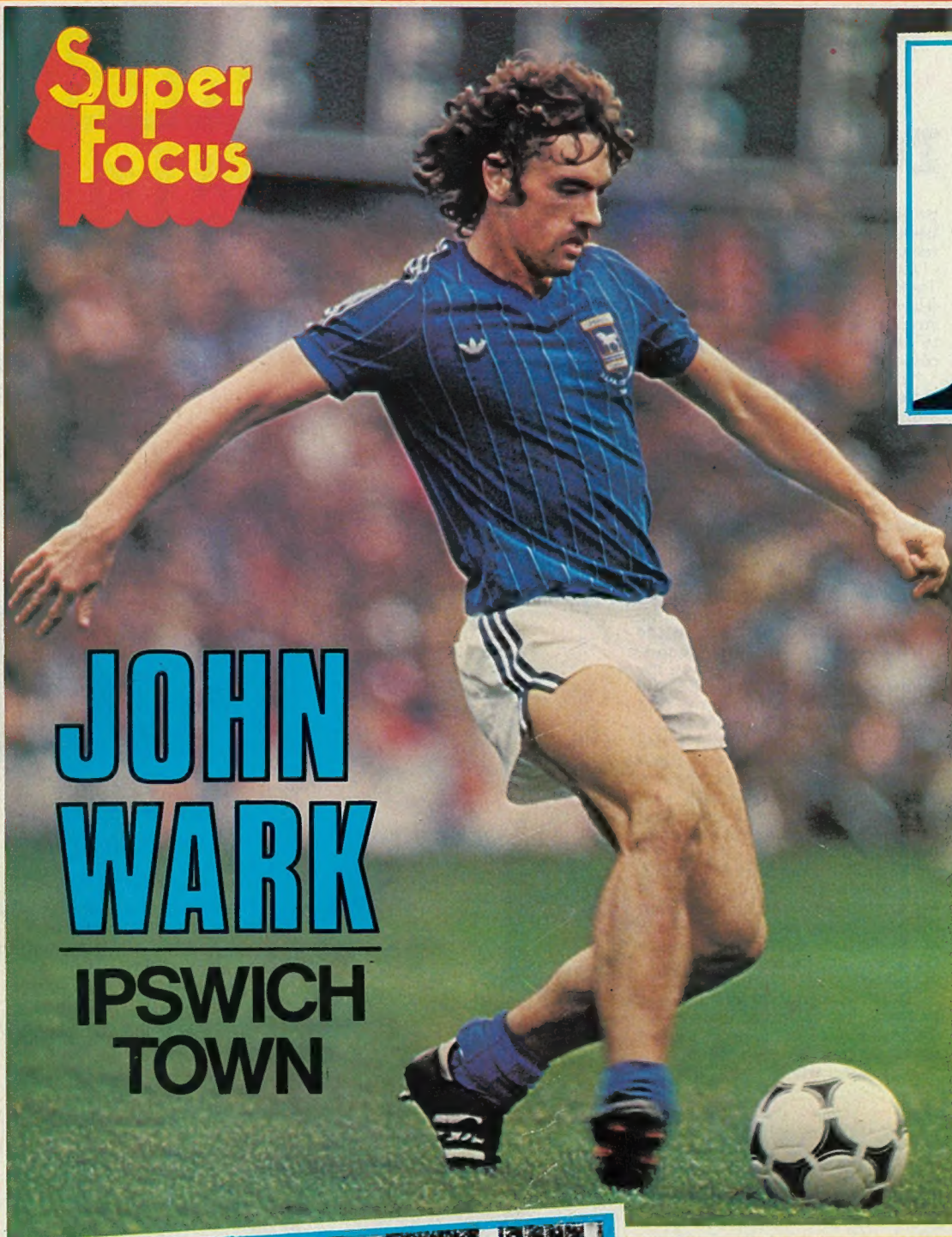
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FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS:

Snooker and squash

OTHER SPORTS PERSON YOU

MOST ADMIRE: Muhammad Ali
YOUR BEST EVER ALL TIME XI:

Jennings; Carlos Alberto, Beckenbauer, Beattie, Cooper; Bremner, Netzer; Maradona, Best, Pele, Law

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:

Scoring for Scotland v England at Wembley 1978-79

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:

Losing the above game

FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS:

Manchester United

BEST STADIUM PLAYED IN: Nou Camp, Barcelona

FAVOURITE FOOD AND

DRINK: A Sunday roast and can of Tartan

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES/

DISLIKES: Scoring goals and winning . . . Losing and being injured

FAVOURITE SINGERS: B.A.

Robertson and Bryan Ferry

FAVOURITE ACTOR . . .

ACTRESS: Michael Caine and Susan George

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY

RESORT: Greek Islands

BEST FILM SEEN RECENTLY:

'Escape To Victory'

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: The Professionals

FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY

OFF: Lay in bed and take my dog (Bodie) for a walk

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON

CAREER: My late dad and my older brother

SUPERSTITIONS: Cross my fingers and touch wood before going out to play

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:

Scottish Youth, Under-21 and full caps

PERSONAL AMBITION: To play for Scotland in the World Cup Finals in Spain

IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB

WOULD YOU DO? Driving instructor

CAREER AFTER PLAYING:

Hopefully to stay in football in some way

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD

WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO

MEET? I've already met him — Pele

FULL NAME: Johnny Wark

BIRTHPLACE: Glasgow

BIRTHDATE: August 4, 1957

HEIGHT: 5ft 10½ins

WEIGHT: 12st 4lbs

MARRIED: Yes, to Toula

CHILDREN: No

CAR: Ford Cortina and Mini Metro

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Joined Ipswich straight from school

JOB OR TRADE BEFORE

TURNING PRO: None

NICKNAME: 'Warky'

FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER:

Scottish Daily Record

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool)

A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE:

John Robertson

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:

Glasgow Rangers

FOOTBALL HERO OF

CHILDHOOD: Denis Law



Wark scores for Scotland in the 3-1 defeat by England at Wembley in May, 1979.

Johnny Wark

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